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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
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12 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**

13 ALEX VILLANUEVA,

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
17 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LOS  
ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS, COUNTY EQUITY  
OVERSIGHT PANEL, LOS  
ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL,  
CONSTANCE KOMOROSKI,  
MERCEDES CRUZ, ROBERTA  
YANG, LAURA LECRIVAIN,  
SERGIO V. ESCOBEDO, RON  
KOPPERUD, ROBERT G. LUNA,  
MAX-GUSTAF HUNTSMAN,  
ESTHER LIM, and DOES 1 to 100,  
inclusive,

24 Defendants.

12 Case No.: 2:24 cv 04979 SVW (JC)

13 The Honorable Stephen V. Wilson

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15 **PLAINTIFF ALEX VILLANUEVA'S**  
**APPENDIX OF EXHIBITS IN**  
**OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS'**  
**MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**  
**OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE,**  
**SUMMARY ADJUDICATION, VOLUME**  
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**

ALEX VILLANUEVA vs COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ESTHER LIM

March 21, 2025

Shannon D. Denney, CSR No. 10385, Job No. 6454

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION

ALEX VILLANUEVA, )  
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Plaintiff,           )  
                        )  
vs.                   ) NO: 2:24-cv-04979  
                        ) SVW (JCx)  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF     )  
LOS ANGELES SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT,     )  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF         )  
SUPERVISORS, COUNTY EQUITY         )  
OVERSIGHT PANEL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY)  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL,        )  
CONSTANCE KOMOROSKI, MERCEDES CRUZ, )  
ROBERTA YANG, LAURA LECRIVAIN,     )  
SERGIO V. ESCOBEDO, RON KOPPERUD,    )  
ROBERT G. LUNA, MAX-GUSTAF HUNTSMAN)  
ESTHER LIM, and DOES 1 to 100,      )  
inclusive,                 )  
                        )  
Defendants.             )  
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DEPOSITION OF: ESTHER LIM

March 21, 2025

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1                   BE IT REMEMBERED that on March 21, 2025,  
2   commencing at the hour of 10:00 a.m., before me,  
3   Shannon D. Denney, a Certified Shorthand Reporter,  
4   empowered to administer oaths and affirmations pursuant  
5   to Section 2093(b) of the Code of Civil Procedure,  
6   personally appeared

7                   ESTHER LIM

8   a witness herein, having been duly sworn, was examined  
9   and testified as follows:

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11                  My name is Shannon Denney, CSR number 10385.

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13                  EXAMINATION BY

14                  Q.    MR. DiBONA: Could you just say, and spell  
15   your full name for the record?

16                  A.    Esther Lim, E-S-T-H-E-R, L-I-M.

17                  Q.    Thank you. And other than Esther Lim, have  
18   you ever been known by any other name?

19                  A.    No.

20                  Q.    And Ms. Lim, have you ever had your  
21   deposition taken before?

22                  A.    Yes.

23                  Q.    How many times?

24                  A.    Once.

25                  Q.    And do you recall the general subject matter

1                   Do you recall a ballot measure, Ballot  
2 Measure A?

3                   A.     Which one was Ballot Measure A?

4                   Q.     Let me ask it this way.

5                   Do you recall a ballot measure that  
6     authorized the Board of Supervisors to remove a sheriff  
7     by a four-fifths vote?

8                   A.     Yes.

9                   Q.     Did you have any -- is it your understanding  
10    did the board of -- excuse me. Strike that.

11                  Is it your understanding ballot measures are  
12    ultimately decided by the voters?

13                  A.     Yes.

14                  Q.     And is it your understanding that, at least  
15    in certain circumstances, in order to be placed on the  
16    ballot, the Board of Supervisors has to vote in order  
17    to do so?

18                  A.     Yes. There's a process.

19                  Q.     And is it your understanding that the Board  
20    of Supervisors took a vote to place the ballot measure  
21    on whether they could remove the sheriff by a  
22    four-fifths vote?

23                  A.     Yes.

24                  Q.     And did Hilda Solis vote for that?

25                  A.     Yes.

1 A. I don't recall.

2 Q. Are you familiar of a ballot measure that its  
3 proponents said it would increase Social Services  
4 spending within the County of Los Angeles?

5 A. Do you have a specific measure?

6 Q. Yeah. I believe it was Measure J.

7 But do you recall a ballot measure where that  
8 critics said it was an effort to defund the police?

9 A. I don't recall what critics said Measure J.

10 I am familiar with measure J, though.

11 Q. Is that a ballot measure that Hilda Solis  
12 supported putting on the ballot for voters?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And did you have any role in drafting that  
15 motion?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did you personally support that ballot  
18 measure, as a voter of LA County?

19 A. As a voter of LA County, in my personal  
20 capacity, yes. I did support it.

21 Q. And did you have any understanding that the  
22 sheriff was opposed to that?

23 A. I don't recall.

24 Q. Do you recall Sheriff Villanueva saying, at  
25 any point in time in the Board of Supervisors meeting,

1       **that was an effort to defund the police?**

2           **A. Just to clarify.**

3           **That what was to defund the police, the**  
4       **measure?**

5           **Q. Yeah. Fair enough. Let me ask it a**  
6       **different way.**

7           **Do you have a recollection, one way or**  
8       **another, if Sheriff Villanueva said the measure to**  
9       **increase Social Services was actually a method to**  
10      **defund law enforcement?**

11          **A. I don't recall if, at the time Sheriff**  
12       **Villanueva made that comment or not.**

13          **Q. Do you recall, separate and apart from any**  
14       **measure, do you recall Sheriff Villanueva saying in his**  
15       **opinion, he believed the Board of Supervisors was**  
16       **defunding the police?**

17          **A. Yes.**

18          **Q. And the Board of Supervisors -- just to back**  
19       **up for a second.**

20           **The Board of Supervisors is in charge of the**  
21       **Los Angeles County Sheriff's budget.**

22           **Is that fair?**

23          **A. Of the budget, yes.**

24          **Q. Is it also, by the way, fair to say that you,**  
25       **yourself, support defunding the police?**

1           A.    What do you mean by "defund the police?"

2           Q.    Have you ever taken a public position in  
3       support of just the phrase, "defund the police?"

4           A.    I believe that there -- I believe that the  
5       budget could reflect more investments in the community  
6       for alternatives to incarceration, and for just general  
7       community support.

8           Q.    Did you -- excuse me.

9                   When Sheriff Villanueva made the statements  
10      that he have believed the Board of Supervisors was  
11      defunding the police, did you share that view?

12           A.    Did I share -- I'm sorry. Can you clarify?

13           Q.    Sorry. I'll just ask it this way.

14                   Do you believe the Board of Supervisors was  
15      actually defunding the police while Sheriff Villanueva  
16      was in office?

17           A.    I just need clarity in terms of what you mean  
18      by the Board of trying to defund the police.

19           Q.    In setting the LA Sheriffs budget, do you  
20      believe there were reductions in the LA County  
21      Sheriff's Department budget while the Board of  
22      Supervisors was in office?

23           A.    I don't recall specific -- I don't recall  
24      specific -- recall budget specifics on just the  
25      Sheriff's Department.

1 Q. And so did you have an opinion when Sheriff  
2 Villanueva said that he believed the Sheriff's  
3 Department was being defunded, did you have an opinion  
4 on that one way or another?

5 A. You know, I mean Alex had his opinion on  
6 that.

7 As shared earlier, I believe that there  
8 should be more investments in the community, more  
9 investments in terms of supporting our youth so that  
10 they don't end up in our justice system.

11 Q. Send Exhibit 2 through the chat.

12 Do you see a document on your screen?

13 A. No. I just see a file folder.

14 Q. Sorry. Sharing the wrong part of it.

15 MR. TOKORO: I think it issue, Alex, you keep  
16 sharing your desktop instead of the Adobe Acrobat  
17 software. So we keep seeing the folder on your  
18 desktop.

19 Q. MR. DIBONA: What about now?

20 A. Yes. I see the document.

21 Q. Exhibit 2 is AV '010579 to 582.

22 Ms. Lim, you tell me, do you recall ever  
23 seeing -- sorry. Let me scroll to the bottom so maybe  
24 you have an understanding of what this is.

25 Do you see what purports to be Alex

1 Villanueva's signature at the bottom?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And do you see here it's addressed to the  
4 Board of Supervisors?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And you see the date on here, July 11,  
7 2022?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And do you ever recall seeing this letter?

10 A. I do not. I do not.

11 Q. One moment. I'm going to send Exhibit 3  
12 through the chat.

13 Do you see a document on your screen?

14 A. Yes, I do.

15 Q. Exhibit 3 is AV 010545. And it goes all the  
16 way to 571.

17 Just to go to the top, do you recall ever  
18 seeing this letter before?

19 A. Yes, I do.

20 Q. And is this, to your understanding, a letter  
21 that Sheriff Villanueva sent to Hilda Solis on or about  
22 February 9, 2021?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And -- excuse me.

25 Did you and Supervisor Solis ever discuss

1     **this letter?**

2           **A. Yes, we did.**

3           **Q. How many times did you discuss it?**

4           **A. I don't recall.**

5           **Q. Do you have an estimate?**

6           **A. I don't want to give you false numbers. So I**  
7     **don't recall how many times.**

8           **Q. And excuse me.**

9               **What do you recall Supervisor Solis saying to**  
10     **you about this letter?**

11          **A. That the letter existed, and that it was**  
12     **about my -- my tweets on my Twitter account.**

13          **Q. What, if anything, did you say in response to**  
14     **that?**

15          **A. I don't recall. I don't recall the specifics**  
16     **of the conversation. But I acknowledged that these**  
17     **were tweets on my account, my personal account.**

18          **Q. And other than acknowledging the tweets --**  
19     **sorry.**

20               **You acknowledged the tweets, and what, if**  
21     **anything else, was said after that?**

22          **A. This is now about four years ago. So I don't**  
23     **recall the specifics of the -- of the communication, or**  
24     **the conversation.**

25          **Q. Other than you acknowledging -- sorry.**

1                   Other than Supervisor Solis informing you of  
2     the existence of this letter, and you acknowledging the  
3     tweets, do you recall anything else said about that  
4     conversation?

5                   A. I don't. I don't recall the specifics.

6                   Q. And do you recall anything -- do you recall  
7     any other -- having another conversation with  
8     Supervisor Solis about this letter?

9                   A. As shared, I don't recall how many times. So  
10   I don't want to provide any false estimates.

11                  Q. And did -- were you ever -- excuse me.

12                  Following the receipt of this letter, were  
13   you ever disciplined by Supervisor Solis' office with  
14   respect to any of your tweets?

15                  A. Yes.

16                  Q. And what form did the discipline take?

17                  A. It's a personal HR matter. So I would like  
18   to check in with my counsel on whether or not I can.

19                  Q. You can consult with your counsel with  
20   respect to privilege.

21                  A. Okay. I mean, yes. I was disciplined. And  
22   I was told not to.

23                  Q. You were told not to what? Excuse me.

24                  A. Not to -- not to be on my Twitter account.

25                  Q. And just to be -- when you said, not to be on

1       your Twitter, did that mean delete your account? Stop  
2       posting? What was your understanding of the  
3       corrective?

4           A. To not tweet.

5           Q. Was the form of discipline any type of  
6       written discipline?

7           A. I don't recall -- I don't recall what form.

8           Q. And after -- excuse me.

9                  You can -- just to be clear.

10                 You considered it a directive that you --  
11       sorry.

12                 Did you -- sorry. Strike that.

13                 Did you have an understanding that Hilda  
14       Solis' office was directing you to stop tweeting?

15           A. Yes.

16           Q. And did you comply with that directive?

17           A. Yes.

18           Q. In other words, after receipt of that  
19       directive, did you stop tweeting?

20           A. Yes.

21           Q. And to be clear.

22                 Did you stop tweeting all entirely, or did  
23       you simply make your Twitter account private?

24           A. I don't recall -- I don't recall if I made my  
25       account private. I also believe -- I think I stopped

1 Q. And if I scroll down, I understand you may  
2 not be able to see all of page two.

3 On the part of page two, you can see, do you  
4 see in this part, where -- any part where Sheriff  
5 Villanueva calls for you to be fired?

6 A. No.

7 Q. And on the remainder of two, do you see any  
8 part where he asks for you to be fired?

9 A. No.

10 Q. And if I go to page three, do you see -- any  
11 part of you seeing on page three where Sheriff  
12 Villanueva asks for you to be fired?

13 A. No.

14 Q. And if I go down you to the end of the  
15 letter, is there any part of this -- what you're seeing  
16 now, where Sheriff Villanueva calls for you to be  
17 fired?

18 A. No.

19 Q. And do you see when I -- I am sorry.

20 The last page, do you see that's just the --  
21 who it went to?

22 There's the cc's.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And if I keep scrolling down, do you see how  
25 your tweets are included in the letter?

1           A.     **Yes.**

2           Q.     **So having had a chance to review the letter,**  
3     **which is page one through four, is there any part of**  
4     **that letter that you -- where you saw Sheriff**  
5     **Villanueva calling for you to be fired?**

6           A.     **No.**

7           Q.     **Do you see the tweet on your screen that**  
8     **begins, "And Sheriff Villanueva has?" Do you see**  
9     **that?**

10          A.     **Yes.**

11          Q.     **And it appears to have been sent 4:26 p.m.**  
12     **September 29, 2020.**

13                 **Do you see that at the bottom?**

14          A.     **Yes.**

15          Q.     **And you were employed at Hilda Solis' office**  
16     **on September 29, 2020.**

17                 **Is that fair?**

18          A.     **Yes.**

19          Q.     **The tweet reads, "And Sheriff Villanueva has**  
20     **the audacity to say he was a sponsor of this bill.**  
21     **Fool. What you should have done is not provide cover**  
22     **for your deputies from any wrongdoing and held them**  
23     **accountable," hash tag or pound sign Kobe Bryant.**

24                 **Do you see that?**

25          A.     **Yes.**

1 Q. And is that something you tweeted on or about  
2 September 29, 2020?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And at 4:26 p.m., is that considered business  
5 hours at Hilda Solis' office?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And are you -- the "fool" in this tweet, is  
8 the "fool" Sheriff Villanueva?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And was this tweet, is this -- sorry. Just  
11 to be clear.

12 If you call someone a "fool," is it fair to  
13 say you don't think they're very smart?

14 A. Not necessarily.

15 Q. And was it your intention to intimidate  
16 Sheriff Villanueva, in any way, by making this  
17 statement?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Was it your attempt, in any way, to  
20 intimidate a Hispanic sheriff?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did you make this tweet -- did this tweet  
23 have anything whatsoever to do with Sheriff  
24 Villanueva's race?

25 A. No.

1 Did I read that correctly?

2 A. Yes. And there's two emojis attached, yes.

3 Q. The emoji is -- it's a bird and musical  
4 notes, correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. So is that meant to represent the singing  
7 canary?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you tweeted this on January 12, 2021,  
10 correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you were employed in Hilda Solis' office  
13 on January 12, 2021, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And what does the phrase, "snitches get  
16 stitches" mean?

17 A. I believe it's a colloquial term that if you  
18 tell on someone, that you could get beaten up.

19 Q. And did you mean that tweet to say that you,  
20 yourself, would not cooperate with law enforcement  
21 unless the person committing a crime was a white  
22 supremacist?

23 MR. TOKORO: Objection. Entirely misstates  
24 that tweet.

25 I don't even know what you're getting that

1 the deputies who were involved in the shooting of their  
2 loved ones.

3 Q. And to your recollection, did Sheriff  
4 Villanueva ever make comments you considered to be  
5 derogatory towards those families?

6 A. I don't have specifics.

7 But I recall the comments being dismissive of  
8 the families' -- families' complaints.

9 Q. Do you have a recollection of how they were  
10 dismissive of the families' complaints?

11 A. I don't have -- I don't recall the  
12 specifics.

13 Q. Do you see here, there's a tweet, "Also  
14 sheriff limiting his time to one hour for COC meeting.  
15 Not how that works. You stay until COC says they're  
16 done. Commission shouldn't be rushing through their  
17 questions because the sheriff says he's only going to  
18 be there for one hour. I don't recall subpoena having  
19 a time limit."

20 Did I read that correctly?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And you sent that on December 17, 2020.

23 Is that -- you see that at the bottom?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And the -- you were employed at the -- excuse

1 me.

2 You were employed for Hilda Solis in December  
3 of 2020, correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And the COC, is that the Civilian Oversight  
6 Commission?

7 A. It's the sheriff Civilian Oversight  
8 Commission, yes.

9 Q. And the Civilian Oversight Commission, may be  
10 obvious from the name, but is that a commission made up  
11 civilians that, broadly speaking, has oversight over  
12 the Sheriff's Department of Los Angeles?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And the Civilian Oversight Commission was  
15 given the authority to Subpoena the sheriff through the  
16 ballot measure, correct?

17 A. I don't recall the timeline on when Measure R  
18 had passed. So if Measure R had -- was voted in by the  
19 voters of LA County, then, yes.

20 Q. And you see at the end you say, "I don't  
21 recall a Subpoena having a time limit."

22 Do you see that?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And do I take from that you understood the  
25 Civilian Oversight Commission had subpoenaed Sheriff

1 Villanueva to appear before the Civilian Oversight  
2 Commission?

3 A. I don't remember the context. Again, it's  
4 about five years ago so I don't remember the context in  
5 which this tweet was tweeted. I don't recall.

6 Q. It's fair to say, you took exception, or  
7 issue with the Sheriff Villanueva saying he would only  
8 appear for one hour before the Civilian Oversight  
9 Commission, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And you took issue with that, in your words,  
12 the Subpoena didn't have a time limit, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. So you understood there was -- sorry. Strike  
15 that.

16 And do you see here there's a tweet, I'm so  
17 fucking pissed with the Civilian -- with the COC?  
18 Excuse me.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And you sent that on December 17, 2020; is  
21 that correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And you were employed at Hilda Solis' office  
24 on December 17, 2020, correct?

25 A. Yes.

1      is not the answer. I didn't ask what the context was.

2                    So what was your answer?

3                    MR. TOKORO: She's already answered several  
4      times. I'm going to let her answer one more time, and  
5      we're going to move on.

6                    You can give your answer again.

7                    THE WITNESS: The -- that I was upset with  
8      the COC.

9                    Q.     MR. DIBONA: And you believe -- when you  
10     said, "Subpoena him," is that fair to say you believe  
11     the COC should Subpoena him, correct?

12                  A.     Again, the tweet was written in 2020. Yes.

13                  Q.     Do you see here there's a tweet, "Kind of mad  
14     that LA isn't on this list," and then an emoji after  
15     it?

16                  A.     Yes.

17                  Q.     And it's quote tweeting an article from NBC  
18     New York, which is hash tag, breaking, US Department of  
19     Justice designates, hash tag, NYC as an anarchist  
20     jurisdiction.

21                  Did I read that correctly?

22                  A.     Yes.

23                  Q.     And you sent that on September 21st, 2020.

24                  Do you see that at the bottom?

25                  A.     Yes.

1 Q. And you were employed at Supervisor Solis'  
2 office on September 21st, 2020, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And 11:07 a.m. is that considered business  
5 hours at Hilda Solis' office?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What did you mean when you said, "Kind of mad  
8 that LA isn't on the list of anarchist jurisdictions?"

9 A. I was sharing a personal opinion that -- that  
10 I was mad that LA wasn't on the list.

11 Q. And what is your understanding of the term  
12 "anarchist jurisdiction" as it being used in this  
13 list?

14 A. One that doesn't favor government overruling  
15 people community.

16 Q. Do you have an understanding that anarchy,  
17 broadly speaking, is anti-government?

18 MR. TOKORO: Objection. Vague and ambiguous.

19 Objection. Also argumentative.

20 And also going to a objection that's not the  
21 definition of anarchy.

22 But you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, Mr. DiBona. Can you  
24 repeat the question?

25 Q. MR. DiBONA: Do you have an understanding

1       Supervisors meeting?

2           A.     No.

3           Q.     Do you see the tweet, just two hash tags,  
4     hash tag, fuck ICE, hash tag, abolish ICE?

5           A.     Yes.

6           Q.     And you send that November 2nd, 2020; is that  
7     right?

8           A.     Yes.

9           Q.     What did you mean by "fuck ICE abolish ICE?"

10          A.     Expressing that I don't like ICE.

11          Q.     And do you have an understanding that LA  
12     County works with ICE?

13          A.     Depending on the situation.

14          Q.     And did you ever -- excuse me.

15          At the time you were a justice deputy for  
16     Hilda Solis, what is your understanding of how LA  
17     County worked with ICE?

18          A.     I don't recall -- I don't recall the  
19     specifics in terms of the specific relationship with  
20     the county had with ICE.

21          Q.     As a justice deputy, did you ever take any  
22     steps to limit LA County's involvement with working  
23     with ICE?

24          A.     Yes.

25          Q.     What steps were those?

1 involvement in LA County jails?

2 MR. TOKORO: Objection. Vague and ambiguous.

3 I'm also going to object to the question  
4 being asked, in the way you framed as "refreshing your  
5 recollection," because I don't believe you ever asked  
6 her this question previously where we she said she did  
7 not recall.

8 But you can answer, if you understand.

9 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I don't recall.

10 Q. MR. DIBONA: And isn't it true, by the way,  
11 that Sheriff Villanueva called Hilda Solis la malinche  
12 in the context of her allowing ICE into LA County  
13 jails?

14 MR. TOKORO: Objection. This question was  
15 asked and answered several times this morning.

16 But you can answer it one more time.

17 THE WITNESS: Mr. DiBona, that the context  
18 around Sheriff Villanueva calling Supervisor Solis la  
19 malinche, I don't recall the specifics. I recall that  
20 it was around immigration.

21 Q. MR. DIBONA: And do you recall -- just to be  
22 clear.

23 You don't recall the immigration issue being  
24 ICE's involvement in LA County jails?

25 MR. TOKORO: Same objection. Asked and

1       answered, several times.

2                  But answer it, again.

3                  THE WITNESS: I feel like I answered it, Mr.

4       DiBona.

5                  Q.     MR. DiBONA: I'm sorry. Just a moment I'm  
6       scrolling down.

7                  Do you see here on the right, there's a  
8       tweet, "This is not about a few bad apples. The whole  
9       damn orchard needs to be torched," hash tag, defund  
10      police?

11               A.     Yes.

12               Q.     And you sent this tweet on August 30th, 2020;  
13       is that correct?

14               A.     Yes.

15               Q.     And you were working for Hilda Solis at the  
16       time of this tweet.

17               Is that fair?

18               A.     Yes. At 8:12 p.m.

19               Q.     And what did you mean by using the hash tag,  
20       defund police?

21               A.     I take that meaning, as I shared in my  
22       earlier answer, that I believe there should be more  
23       investment in community, in youth programs, and  
24       alternatives to incarceration.

25               Q.     By the way, it's fair to say, none of those

1 THE WITNESS: No.

2 Q. MR. DiBONA: And when you tweeted this on or  
3 about August 30th, 2020, did you have any concern this  
4 would impact your working relationship with the Los  
5 Angeles County Sheriff's Department?

6 A. No.

7 Q. And did you -- excuse me.

8 Did you, in any way, have any concern that  
9 this tweet may be interpreted as a call for violence  
10 against law enforcement officers?

11 MR. TOKORO: Argumentative.

12 Also, I don't know where you're getting that  
13 from, there's nothing about that tweet that suggests  
14 that.

15 But you can answer that question.

16 THE WITNESS: It doesn't, as Mr. DiBona, I  
17 explained in my earlier response, that my belief is  
18 that the system needs to be reformed.

19 Q. MR. DiBONA: By the way, separate and apart  
20 from this tweet, would you believe that setting  
21 something on fire is generally a violent act?

22 MR. TOKORO: Objection. In fact, I don't --  
23 argumentative. Misstates the document.

24 She's explained this tweet several times to  
25 you.

1       Mr. Villanueva's time as sheriff of the Sheriff's  
2       Department.

3                  But you can answer.

4                  THE WITNESS: Mr. DiBona, do you mind  
5       repeating your question?

6                  Q.     MR. DiBONA: The Board of Supervisors has the  
7       authority to lessen the LA Sheriffs Department budget,  
8       correct?

9                  MR. TOKORO: Same objections.

10                 THE WITNESS: I do think this is a  
11       hypothetical.

12                 I think they have lots of authority in terms  
13       of how they set budget for the County.

14                 Q.     MR. DiBONA: When you sent this tweet, did  
15       you have any concern it would impact your working  
16       relationship with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's  
17       Department?

18                 A.     No.

19                 Q.     By the way, just before we go on.

20                 Did these tweets impact your working  
21       relationship with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's  
22       Department?

23                 A.     No.

24                 Q.     By the way, I understand we haven't looked at  
25       all the tweets.

1 speaking, the letter had been received, do you remember  
2 anything else Ms. Chen said to you?

3 A. Again, I'm sorry. I don't recall the  
4 specifics of the conversation.

5 Q. And do you remember anything you said during  
6 that conversation, besides you were unaware of it until  
7 it was brought to your attention?

8 A. I don't recall the specifics. But just  
9 acknowledging that, you know, that the letter exists.

10 Q. Did you ever have any other follow-up  
11 conversation with Ms. Chen after that conversation  
12 about this letter?

13 A. I don't recall the specifics of the -- of the  
14 conversations, or parts of the conversation.

15 Q. I understand. I'm -- moving on.

16 My question was whether any conversations  
17 about this -- about this letter with Ms. Chen after the  
18 one where she broadly told you about it?

19 A. I do not recall.

20 Q. Did you discuss this letter with Max Huntsman  
21 at all?

22 A. I don't recall.

23 Q. Did you discuss this letter with Kyla  
24 Coates?

25 A. I don't recall.

1 Q. Let me just back up Kyla Coates, she was also  
2 a justice deputy for a different supervisor, is that  
3 right, around this time?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And there was also another justice deputy for  
6 a different supervisor named Veronica Pawlowski; is  
7 that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did you discuss this letter with Veronica  
10 Pawlowski at all?

11 A. I believe, Mr. DiBona, I believe this letter  
12 was sent to all the supervisors. I only saw it was  
13 addressed to Supervisor Solis.

14 Q. If you're asking me to scroll down to see if  
15 there was a cc, I believe there was cc'ed to all of  
16 them. And I can show you that on page four.

17 A. Right. Thank you for that.

18 Yes. So Veronica, Ms. Pawlowski, had  
19 mentioned about -- had asked if I had seen the letter.  
20 And I told her that I saw the letter through --

21 Q. And what else did Ms. Pawlowski say, if  
22 anything?

23 A. I don't recall specifically the conversation.  
24 Just that the letter was mentioned.

25 Q. And so just to be clear.

1 A. I believe so.

2 Q. And so when you say, "there's a joint  
3 decision," who's the joint decision?

4 MR. TOKORO: Objection. Question has been  
5 asked and answered several times now about the  
6 discipline and instruction she received from Supervisor  
7 Solis.

8 You can answer one more time.

9 THE WITNESS: As shared, Mr. DiBona, the  
10 discipline I received from my tweets, I would not use  
11 my social media account.

12 Q. MR. DIBONA: That was a joint decision?

13 MR. TOKORO: Same objection. You just asked,  
14 just answered.

15 You can answer again.

16 THE WITNESS: It was part of the discipline  
17 that I not use my social media account.

18 Q. MR. DIBONA: My question is, Ms. Lim, you  
19 and -- Supervisor Solis jointly made a decision to  
20 discipline you.

21 I just want to make sure that's your  
22 testimony.

23 MR. TOKORO: That is not her testimony. You  
24 are absolutely misstating her testimony. She has  
25 repeatedly told you she was told by Supervisor Solis

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1 MR. TOKORO: Again, I'm just going to caution  
2 you here, not to disclose any communications with us.

3                   If, Alex, you're still limiting it in time to  
4 prior to the litigation, I think that's the issue.

5 Q. MR. DIBONA: Yes, I am. Just to be clear.

6           A. I did receive the disposition letter, but it  
7 was not mailed to me.

8 Q. How did you receive it?

9           A. It was through -- I was notified of an LA  
10      Times request. And that is when I was notified there  
11      was a disposition to the investigation.

12 Q. Okay.

13 MR. TOKORO: Can we take a break?

14 MR. DIBONA: Yeah. I'm going onto the next  
15 question. So yeah.

## How long do you need?

17 MR. TOKORO: Let's go off the record.

18 (Off the record.)

19 Q. MR. DiBONA: Ms. Lim, do you understand  
20 you're still under oath?

**21**                   **A.**       **Yes.**

22 Q. Is there any reason you can't continue to  
23 give your best testimony?

24 A. NO.

25 Q. Send Exhibit 9 through the chat, and share my

1 screen.

2 Do you see a document on your screen, Ms.

3 Lim?

4 A. Yes, I do.

5 Q. And it COLA 002767.

6 Is this a text exchange that you engaged  
7 in?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And the top where it says, "Update, I thought  
10 my CPOE interview was pretty pointless."

11 Is that you writing?

12 A. I believe so.

13 I guess because I don't know the colors, I'm  
14 assuming.

15 Q. I'm showing it to you how it was produced.

16 But, yeah.

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. By the way, you were writing this text to Max  
19 Huntsman, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. At the bottom we see here, "Thanks Max;" is  
22 that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. So the Max is Max Huntsman, correct?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Do you recall ever texting that to anyone?

2 A. I must have, but I don't recall who.

3 Q. And what did you mean by when you said, "Like  
4 why would I file two years later?" What did you mean  
5 by that?

6 A. I don't know.

7 Q. Did you file your complaint against Sheriff  
8 Villanueva two years after something?

9 A. I -- yes. I -- was it two years later?

10 After the inn -- after Mr. Villanueva's  
11 initial letter to Supervisor Solis. But I shared  
12 Mr. Villanueva was making demeaning and disparaging  
13 comments from 2021 on, from what I recall.

14 Q. So just to be clear.

15 At least in this text, the two years later  
16 refers to the first time Mr. -- then Sheriff Villanueva  
17 sent a letter to Hilda Solis, correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you see a document on your screen, Ms.  
20 Lim?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. You see COLA -- it's COLA 002782. And goes  
23 to 83.

24 Is this a text exchange between you and Max  
25 Huntsman?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. There's a reference to Max where it says,  
3 "Hi, Max."

4 That Max -- that's a reference to Max  
5 Huntsman?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And this is -- the date on this is December  
8 22nd, 2023, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And there's a reference here at the top,  
11 "Coco told me that LAT did a PRA request for our CPOE  
12 complaint."

13 Do you see that there?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And "LAT," does that mean the LA Times?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And "PRA," does that mean Public Records  
18 Act?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. I think we mentioned this before.

21 But CPOE is -- is that -- what does CPOE  
22 stand for?

23 A. The County Policy of Equity.

24 Q. And who is Coco?

25 A. That is county council.

1 Q. And how did you get it?

2 A. I believe it was through e-mail.

3 Q. And Mr. Huntsman appears to respond, "I don't  
4 know that LASD or CPOE ever told me about it. I find  
5 out through my staff monitoring."

6 Did I read that correctly?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And do you say here -- it appears to be cut  
9 off. It says, "I might have gotten it."

10 And do you see how there's text here, but  
11 doesn't appear -- or you can read it?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And do you see here, it appears to continue,  
14 "I might have gotten it. Since I already knew I  
15 wouldn't have paid much attention. I was more  
16 interested in the law that says it goes to POST and  
17 isn't you protected."

18 Did I read that correctly?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And you write, "Yes, that part."

21 So when you say, "yes, that part," what are  
22 you referencing?

23 A. I am referencing the POST component and that  
24 it isn't protected.

25 Q. What is the POST component, to your

1 understanding?

2 A. I'm just reading the text. So that is what  
3 I am referencing.

4 I don't recall the specifics around the POST  
5 piece, and what is, and what isn't protected.

6 Q. So it's fair to say that you expected your  
7 CPOE complaint against Sheriff Villanueva to, at some  
8 point, be made public, correct?

9 A. I -- I wouldn't say that I -- I don't know.  
10 I don't know the context in terms of this particular  
11 text.

12 Q. When you write, "Yes, that part." Even with  
13 info redacted, I think the LA Times, abbreviated, LAT,  
14 already knows who is who.

15 Aren't you referencing that the LA Times  
16 would know who made the complaint?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And Max Huntsman writes, "Easy to figure  
19 out," correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And you gave a thumbs up reaction to the  
22 "easy to figure out?"

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And it's fair to say then you were expressing  
25 agreement that it would be easy for the LA Times to

1 figure out who was the complaint?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And so now that we've gone through the  
4 context, is it -- now does that understand in context,  
5 you were both saying you expected your complaint would  
6 be open to disclosure, correct?

7 MR. TOKORO: Objection. Question is vague  
8 and ambiguous as to what point in time there were  
9 concerns referring to POST ERA.

10 Then you can answer that question.

11 THE WITNESS: I see that -- I see the text,  
12 Mr. DiBona. But I don't recall the intention on  
13 whether or not it's public or disclosure.

14 Q. MR. DIBONA: And so when Max Huntsman writes,  
15 "I was more interested in the law that says it goes to  
16 POST than it isn't protected," and you said, "Yes, that  
17 part," what are you referring to?

18 A. Again, in just reading the text, I think I'm  
19 saying yes, to that part, to the POST isn't protected.  
20 But I don't recall the full context of the  
21 conversation.

22 Q. So what is your understanding of what "going  
23 to POST" and "it isn't protected" means?

24 A. I don't -- I don't know -- I don't know.

25 As I shared, I don't know the full context of

1 the -- of the text and what is all written.

2 Q. You don't remember the context of the text  
3 that you wrote?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And isn't the context that the LA Times did a  
6 Public Records Act request for the CPOE complaint?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And isn't the context going to be that  
9 because it isn't protected, it would be disclosed as  
10 part of the Public Records Act request?

11 A. I don't want to make any assumptions.

12 Q. It's not an assumption. It's what you wrote.

13 "Coco told me the LA Times did a PRA request  
14 for our CPOE complaint."

15 So I'm not assuming it. I'm basing what I am  
16 saying on the first sentence you write in this text.

17 Isn't that the context of this text exchange,  
18 the Public Records Act request by the LA Times?

19 MR. TOKORO: Objection. It misstates the  
20 text. And the problem that you have, Alex, was that  
21 you are assuming she understands how PRAs work, whether  
22 they would actually be in fact produced, and what would  
23 be produced. So that is the issue with your question.

24 You can answer one more time.

25 THE WITNESS: Mr. DiBona, I know this is in

1 reference to the CPOE complaint, because that's what  
2 the text says. But I don't recall the full context of  
3 the reference or POST.

4 Q. MR. DIBONA: Understood. Did you have an  
5 understanding that from county council that your CPOE  
6 complaint was going to be disclosed to the LA Times?

7 A. What do you mean by "disclosed?"

8 Q. That the PRA request was going to be  
9 responded to, and your CPOE complaint would be given to  
10 the LA Times?

11 A. Yes. That was my understanding, that it  
12 would be shared.

13 Q. And the next thing is January 31st, 2024, you  
14 text Mr. Huntsman what appears to be the LA Times story  
15 on the do not -- that Sheriff Villanueva was -- had a  
16 "do not retire notation" on the stop top of his file,  
17 correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did Mr. Huntsman respond to this text, in any  
20 way?

21 A. I do not recall.

22 Q. Did you text Mr. Huntsman, at any point in  
23 time, between December of 20 -- sorry, between December  
24 2022, 2023 and January 31st, 2024?

25 A. I don't recall if I texted him during that

1 period.

2 Q. Do you have an understanding that in January  
3 of 2024, Sheriff Villanueva was running for the seat on  
4 the Board of Supervisors?

5 A. I do not recall when Mr. Villa announced his  
6 candidacy for it.

7 Q. And even if you don't remember when he  
8 announced his candidacy, did you have an understanding  
9 that Sheriff Villanueva was running against who is now  
10 your boss, Janice Hahn?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And is it fair to say even though I don't  
13 believe you're working for her at the time, you  
14 supported Janice Hahn over Alex Villanueva?

15 MR. TOKORO: Objection. Assumes facts not in  
16 evidence.

17 You can't ask a question that tells you you  
18 assume she's supporting.

19 But you can answer the question.

20 THE WITNESS: I don't think I had a position  
21 on it, given that I don't live in the district.

22 Q. MR. DIBONA: Did you publicly tell anyone on  
23 vote for -- sorry. Let me back up.

24 Did you make any public comment, at any  
25 forum, supporting Janice Hahn over Alex Villanueva?

1      complaint was part of retaliation by the Board for  
2      positions he took on board measures, and other issues  
3      in front of the Board. I want to talk to you about  
4      those.

5                  Did Mr. Villanueva's position on Measure A  
6      have anything to do with your filing of the DOE  
7      complaint?

8                  A. No. It did not.

9                  Q. Did Measure A have anything to do with you  
10     filing your POE complaint?

11                A. No. It did not.

12                Q. Did Mr. Villanueva's position on Measure R  
13     have anything to do with you filing your POE  
14     complaint?

15                A. No. It did not.

16                Q. Did Measure R, in any way, have anything to  
17     do with you filing your complaint?

18                A. No. It did not.

19                Q. Did Mr. Villanueva's position on Measure J  
20     have anything to do with you filing your complaint?

21                A. No. It did not.

22                Q. Did Measure J, in any way, shape, or form  
23     have anything do with you filing your complaint?

24                A. No. It did not.

25                Q. Now, Mr. Villanueva spoke out against

1     endorsing the COVID vaccine mandate during the  
2     pandemic.

3                          Are you aware of that?

4     A.     Yes.

5     Q.     Did his position on the mandatory vaccine --  
6     vaccination of how the employees have anything do with  
7     you filing your POE complaint?

8     A.     No. It did not.

9     Q.     Did vaccine mandates, the county's vaccine  
10    mandates have anything do with you filing your  
11    complaint?

12    A.     No. It did not.

13    Q.     Mr. Villanueva also spoke out against a  
14    county contract with Full Gen relating to COVID  
15    testing.

16                          Are you aware of that?

17    A.     Yes, I am.

18    Q.     Did his position or opposition to the Full  
19    Gen contract have anything do with your reporting of  
20    POE complaint?

21    A.     No. It did not.

22    Q.     Did the Full Gen contract, in any way, shape,  
23    and form, have any way, shape, or form have anything to  
24    do with the complaint that you filed?

25    A.     No. It did not.

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6 do hereby certify that, prior to being examined, the  
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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION

ALEX VILLANUEVA vs COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

MAX HUNTSMAN

March 07, 2025

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19 MAX HINTSMAN

20 Friday, March 7th, 2025

21 10:02 a.m. PT

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20 Videoconference Deposition of Deponent MAX  
21 HUNTSMAN, deponent, taken on behalf of the Plaintiff,  
22 commencing at 10:02 a.m., PT, March 7, 2025, before Reporter  
23 John Fahrenwald, Certified Shorthand Reporter for the State  
24 of California, CSR No. 14369, RPR.

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(10:02 a.m.)

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MAX HUNTSMAN,

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called as a witness herein, having been first duly sworn,

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was examined and testified as follows:

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EXAMINATION

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BY MR. DIBONA:

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Q. Thank you. Could you please say and spell your  
full name for the record.

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A. Max Huntsman, M-A-X H-U-N-T-S-M-A-N.

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Q. And, sir, have you ever had your deposition taken  
before?

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A. Yes.

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Q. How many times?

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A. One that I recall.

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Q. And was that -- and do you recall the subject  
matter of that lawsuit?

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A. Yeah. It was a lawsuit by a deputy district  
attorney when I was in the DA's office in which they were  
suing the County regarding not getting promoted.

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Q. And were you a witness or a defendant in that  
matter?

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A. I was a witness.

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Q. And have you ever testified in court?

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A. Yes.

1 accommodate that. But just to let you know, we usually do  
2 take breaks every hour, hour and a half, or something like  
3 that.

4 A. That sounds good. Thank you.

5 Q. All right. Yeah. The only caveat is, if there's  
6 a question pending, the practice is answer the question  
7 before asking to go on a break. Does that make sense?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And I think I asked you had you had your  
10 deposition taken before. Have you ever taken depositions?

11 A. Depositions? No.

12 Q. And you are a member of the California bar; is  
13 that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. When did you become a member of the California  
16 bar?

17 A. Let's see. In late 1991.

18 Q. And where did you go to law school?

19 A. Yale.

20 Q. The law degree you obtained from Yale -- this is  
21 on the record for people that don't know -- is that a JD or  
22 a juris doctorate?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And apart from your JD or juris doctorate, do you  
25 have any other advanced degrees?

1           A. I don't recall.

2           Q. Do you have an estimate of when that was filed?

3           A. Fairly recently. Some months ago. But, no, not a  
4 precise estimate.

5           Q. Other than that complaint you mentioned, does  
6 anyone else -- to your knowledge, has anyone else filed a  
7 complaint with the California bar about you?

8           A. Not that I'm aware of. I've been a high-profile  
9 corruption prosecutor and inspector general after that for  
10 many, many years, so I wouldn't be surprised if there were  
11 some complaint or something filed. But I don't recall  
12 anybody ever contacting me from the state bar, apart from  
13 this one, over having an investigation that I was aware of  
14 from the state bar. But I don't know.

15          Q. And, to your knowledge, have you ever been sued  
16 for malpractice of any type?

17          A. Not malpractice, no.

18          Q. And apart from this lawsuit, have you ever been a  
19 defendant in a civil lawsuit before?

20          A. I'm not sure. I feel like there was a lawsuit I  
21 was a defendant in, but I don't recall the details. It  
22 related to my professional work and -- but I don't recall.

23          Q. Just a little bit of professional background. Out  
24 of law school, what was your first job?

25          A. I worked as a deputy district attorney for the

1 officials.

2 And then after that, Steve Cooley split those two  
3 units up. He was the DA at the time. And so from then on,  
4 from that point on, I left there, went to another, and then  
5 went to the public integrity division and had a time out,  
6 and then went back, but I couldn't tell you exactly which  
7 years. I feel like I was in the public integrity division a  
8 big chunk of that, but I don't remember exactly how many --  
9 or when.

10 Q. When you -- sorry. When you left the DA's office  
11 in 2013, what was your position?

12 A. Deputy DA IV. And I was the assistant head of the  
13 public integrity division.

14 Q. And as the assistant head of the public integrity  
15 division, who did you report to?

16 A. David Demerjian.

17 Q. Was any of your work as a deputy district  
18 attorney, did it ever involve prosecuting anybody from the  
19 Los Angeles Sheriff's Department?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And do you recall how many prosecutions there were  
22 related to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department over your  
23 years as a deputy district attorney?

24 A. No. At the time that I did that was when I was in  
25 the special investigations division, and I had a series of

1 cases, the most important one having to do with a jail  
2 scandal. But it wasn't the only one. And I don't recall --  
3 I had a case involving use of force against an inmate, and I  
4 think that was a deputy sheriff, but I don't recall.

5 And then also, as I say, I had a big case that  
6 involved a scandal to get prisoners to do work stealing  
7 credit cards, and then deputies in custody assistance ended  
8 up using them. And I worked on that case for a time. And  
9 those are the only two that I remember, but I might have had  
10 one or two others during that time. And after that I  
11 wouldn't have. That was the only place that I would have  
12 done that.

13 Q. And after 2013 when you left the DA's office,  
14 where did you go to?

15 A. I became the inspector general for the County of  
16 Los Angeles. I was still employed by the County, but my job  
17 changed.

18 Q. And at least as -- how does one become the  
19 inspector general for the County of Los Angeles? At least  
20 how did you do it?

21 A. Because of a scandal in the sheriff's department,  
22 the County had decided to create the office. They didn't  
23 have the office yet. And they turned to a man named Richard  
24 Drulian, who had acted as special counsel for a commission  
25 that sort of got the ball rolling. And he contacted me. I

1 office. So the executive officer like does my time cards  
2 and things. At that time, Sachi Hamai was the executive  
3 officer, and she didn't tell me how to run my job. It was  
4 fairly independent.

5 The board -- then I would meet with the board from  
6 time to time and issue reports to the board, but it was a  
7 fairly independent position.

8 Q. And when you say the IG reports to the board, you  
9 mean you report directly to the Board of Supervisors; is  
10 that fair?

11 A. It's kind of fair, but, like I say, it's kind of a  
12 dual system, because there's the administrative aspect and  
13 then there's the subject matter aspect. Because it's a  
14 position which requires expertise in law enforcement and in  
15 prosecution, that's the reason I was hired. Nobody really  
16 tells me how to do my job, or didn't, but they do -- you  
17 know, there's management issues.

18 So, like I say, technically speaking, I'm not a  
19 direct report to the board like a department head is, but in  
20 those days the inspector general and my office in general  
21 interacted frequently with the board directly. And while  
22 the executive officer was my titular boss, they didn't tell  
23 me what to do.

24 Q. And do you have an understanding of if, for  
25 whatever reason, there was cause to remove you from your

1                   And, again, that's the California law. Your name  
2 is the name you use, not what was written down on your birth  
3 certificate. So by then my name was Max. I just had to  
4 make sure that all the documentation of it everywhere was  
5 correct. And so I corrected that all. Or not all of it. I  
6 failed to correct all of it, but I tried.

7                   Q. At some point in time did you ever have a plaque  
8 on your desk that read Max-Gustaf Huntsman? And by your  
9 desk, I should say in an office of the County.

10                  A. I to this day have a bunch of things on that desk  
11 and on the wall, most of which have Max on them. I do have  
12 a plaque that says Max-Gustaf that the County spat out,  
13 because even when I changed my name to Max and I told the  
14 County, they didn't change it in their deep computer. And  
15 so they would still call me Max-Gustaf on rare occasions.  
16 Not an emails or anything.

17                  But when they decided to give me a 30-year pen set  
18 or something for working for the County a long time, that's  
19 the name they put on it. They did not ask me, and they gave  
20 it to me. And it's on my desk to this day.

21                  Q. So just to be clear, you on your desk to this very  
22 day have a plaque that says Max-Gustaf Huntsman on it?  
23 Would that be fair to say?

24                  A. That would be fair to say.

25                  Q. Is it on your desk now? Or are you not at your

1 office?

2 A. I am not at my office, but the last time I was at  
3 my office it was sitting there.

4 Q. All right.

5 A. It doesn't face the door. And nobody who's ever  
6 been in there has asked about it or have I commented on it  
7 to them. All I know about it -- well, no question pending.

8 Q. I don't think so. But I am going to give you a  
9 chance to finish your answer. But I didn't think there was  
10 a question pending.

11 A. No. I was just going to ramble on. I rambled  
12 enough there. I feel that my answer that was to a  
13 non-pending question is complete. But thank you for the  
14 opportunity.

15 Q. Was there a -- did you have any concern as  
16 inspector general, which is a public position, that  
17 Max-Gustaf sounded foreign or anything like that?

18 A. Not really. I can't say that from the time I was  
19 a kid. I mean, as I told you the story, my mom didn't want  
20 me to be named Horst or Heinz because of the foreign sound  
21 to it. I can't say that as a kid that wasn't a concern,  
22 although I got teased plenty with just Max. And it was an  
23 unusual name back then.

24 As an adult, not so much. I don't think that's a  
25 big factor anymore, because, you know, I'm very fond of

1 remember hearing.

2 Q. Did Esther Lim ever tell you that Sheriff  
3 Villanueva had made a reference to her gender?

4 A. I just told you about that happening, I think.  
5 But I guess maybe I didn't.

6 Yeah, there was a gender element in that. I  
7 believe it had to do with them being women. I think there  
8 was some comment about that. But, again, it was sort of  
9 secondhand and from my memory from years ago. So I think  
10 going to the source would be the best way to do it.

11 I don't really remember precisely what he said or  
12 precisely the ways in which, you know, it got analyzed or  
13 investigated. Like I said, he'd done a lot of things over  
14 the years, and this particular one I didn't know the  
15 details. I wasn't involved in it.

16 Q. And did Esther Lim ever tell you that Sheriff  
17 Villanueva had made a comment that referenced her race?

18 A. I don't recall.

19 Q. Did you ever hear Sheriff Villanueva make a  
20 comment about the gender composition of the justice  
21 deputies?

22 A. I don't recall. If I did, it would have been like  
23 a recording or -- not in person.

24 Q. Did you ever hear Sheriff Villanueva make a  
25 comment about the gender composition of the Board of

1           A. Separate thing, but yes.

2           Q. If Sheriff Villanueva had supporters that were  
3 anti-Semitic, wouldn't that make -- if supporters are  
4 anti-Semitic, wouldn't that enhance your standing if you  
5 were a Holocaust denier?

6           A. I suppose --

7                   MR. TOKORO: Hold on, Max. Again, need you to  
8 give me a brief second to make my objections.

9                   Objection. Argumentative. Objection. Also vague  
10 and ambiguous. Entirely irrelevant to any claim in this  
11 case. And I'm not even following what you're saying because  
12 I don't necessarily understand it.

13                   You can answer if you understand it, Max.

14                   THE WITNESS: I do think there's a small fringe of  
15 people who that would -- if they thought I was a Holocaust  
16 denier and they hated Jews, that that would make them  
17 excited. But that's such a tiny group that I don't think an  
18 elected official would benefit from directly calling that  
19 group out.

20                   That's why in the sentence below what you showed  
21 me in the statement, the question from the investigator was  
22 about dog whistling. And dog whistling is about throwing up  
23 signals that certain extremists will identify but the  
24 general public won't.

25                   So, yeah, there's probably a group of particularly

1        nasty people who would think that is a plus, but that's a  
2        pretty small group, I hope.

3                    MR. TOKORO: And I'm also going to interpose an  
4        objection that the question suggests or could potentially  
5        suggest that Mr. Huntsman has denied the Holocaust, which,  
6        as you know from his testimony, is not true.

7                    THE WITNESS: That is true. I have never denied  
8        the Holocaust, and I do not currently deny the Holocaust. I  
9        am not a Holocaust denier. In my generation, only lunatics  
10      would deny the Holocaust.

11                  Q. (BY MR. DIBONA:) Do you see Exhibit 1 back on your  
12      screen? ^This must be the investigative report

13                  A. I see something back on my screen. I'll take your  
14      word for it that it's Exhibit No. 1.

15                  (Exhibit 1 was marked for identification.)

16                  Q. Do you see here there's -- I'll just say it for  
17      the record. "But I'd never gotten the state bar changed  
18      until they did this and then I called them up and said,  
19      'Guys, can you pull that?' So they said, 'Yes, yes, we'll  
20      make you Max.' Now if you run me on the state bar, there's  
21      an entry for a guy named Max Huntsman and there's an entry  
22      for a guy named Max-Gustaf Huntsman because they didn't  
23      change it. They just stuck another one in."

24                  Did I read that correctly?

25                  A. I wasn't following along. I was just listening.

1     What you said sounded correct to me.

2           Q. All right. So is it fair to say that it was after  
3     Sheriff Villanueva started calling you Max Huntsman that you  
4     called the state bar and asked them to stop listing you as  
5     Max-Gustaf Huntsman?

6           A. No. It would be fair to say that I did do that  
7     after he did it, but it wouldn't be fair to say that was the  
8     only time.

9           Q. And so just to be clear, as best you recall, at  
10    the time Sheriff Villanueva was calling you Max-Gustaf, you  
11    were still listed on the California state bar as Max-Gustaf.

12    Correct?

13           A. I think that's true.

14           Q. And if it's true that after he -- you became aware  
15    of him -- of Sheriff Villanueva referring to you as  
16    Max-Gustaf in public, it's fair to say you did call the  
17    state bar and say words to the effect of, "Can you pull  
18    that? That's not my name"?

19           MR. TOKORO: I'm going to object. It misstates  
20    his prior testimony, and it again suggests that the first  
21    time he contacted the state bar was after Mr. Villanueva  
22    started calling him that.

23           You can answer, Max.

24           THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't think it was the first  
25    time, but I did do that.

1           Q. (BY MR. DIBONA:) And just to be clear, I'm not  
2 asking if it was the first time. My question was just you  
3 understand he called you Max-Gustaf and after that -- maybe  
4 not for the first time, after that you called the state bar  
5 and said, "Guys, can you pull the Max-Gustaf Huntsman"; is  
6 that correct?

7           A. Yes.

8           Q. Okay. When was the first time you remember  
9 calling the state -- or sorry -- not to get too in the  
10 details.

11           When was the first time you remember making any  
12 sort of request to the state bar that they refer to you as  
13 Max Huntsman?

14           A. I don't recall.

15           Q. Do you have anything in writing that indicates you  
16 requested Max Huntsman be listed on the state bar prior to  
17 the year 2022?

18           A. I don't know. I did some looking when I provided  
19 all those documents that I think you've gotten in discovery  
20 where the name was Max. And I don't recall seeing anything  
21 like that. But whether or not there is one tucked away  
22 somewhere, I don't know.

23           Q. And do you see here there's a reference to --  
24 there's an entry for a guy named Max Huntsman and there's an  
25 entry for a guy named Max-Gustaf Huntsman because they

1 didn't change it? Do you see that here?

2 A. I do.

3 Q. Does that refresh your recollection that there are  
4 actually two entries on the state bar; one is Max-Gustaf  
5 Huntsman and one is Max Huntsman?

6 A. No. That is not the case.

7 Q. And so how do you read, "Now if you run me on the  
8 state bar there's an entry for a guy named Max Huntsman and  
9 there's an entry for a guy named Max-Gustaf Huntsman because  
10 they didn't change it"?

11 A. I read it as a correct factual statement from a  
12 time in the past.

13 Q. So just to be clear, when it says "now," you're  
14 not referring to that in the present? You don't read that  
15 in the present tense?

16 A. You're reading it now, and that statement was not  
17 made now. That statement was made in the past. When that  
18 statement was made, I believe that it was true. If you now  
19 run me, I don't think you find two entries. I think you  
20 find one entry. They eventually fixed it.

21 Q. Got it. So just to be clear, there was a period  
22 of time when, if you ran you on the state bar, there would  
23 have been two entries, one Max-Gustaf Huntsman and one Max  
24 Huntsman, both referring to you; is that fair?

25 A. That's correct. I ran it and saw two different

1 ones.

2 Q. Okay. When Sheriff Villanueva referred to you  
3 publicly as Max-Gustaf, there would have been an entry on  
4 the state bar website that referred to you as Max-Gustaf as  
5 well. Correct?

6 A. I didn't run it at that time, so I don't know, but  
7 it seems reasonable to believe that, because later there  
8 was. So probably at that time there was.

9 Q. But now you have an understanding they have  
10 changed it so it doesn't appear that way anymore. Correct?

11 A. As of the time that that statement was made, there  
12 were dual entries. After I told them to fix it again, they  
13 still didn't fix it. They just added a new entry.

14 If you run it today -- or at least the last time I  
15 ran it; I can't say they haven't changed it again -- it was  
16 just one. It just said Max.

17 Q. And when was the last time you ran it, to your  
18 understanding?

19 A. I don't recall. Since this lawsuit came up, but I  
20 don't remember when it was.

21 Q. Do you have a recollection of being interviewed on  
22 or about July 22nd, 2022?

23 A. Not specifically, no.

24 Q. Do you have a recollection that you were -- that  
25 you were interviewed some time in the summer of 2022, the

1 to rehire this guy. Not relevant if he runs for office, of  
2 course, but that was a good thing.

3 But the underlying part about how he had been  
4 above the law and all that, that was nothing new. That was  
5 something that I had been aware of before.

6 Q. What do you recall was the last conversation you  
7 had with Sheriff Villanueva?

8 A. I don't recall. The last conversation I recall  
9 well was the one on June 17th of 2019. I don't recall ever  
10 having any conversations of any importance with him after  
11 that. I think -- like I say, I described a time where we  
12 met down at some station when a video was being played. I  
13 wouldn't say we had a conversation, but we might have spoken  
14 hello to each other at that time. And I have a vague  
15 feeling that that might have been after that incident, but  
16 I'm not sure. But I don't think we had any conversations  
17 after that.

18 Q. And in addition to writing a complaint about  
19 Sheriff Villanueva to a Vickey Bane of the equity panel,  
20 isn't it also true you wrote a letter to the Board of  
21 Supervisors themselves?

22 A. About not being a Holocaust denier, yes.

23 Q. Did you also write a letter to the Board of  
24 Supervisors saying words to the effect that "Villanueva was  
25 dog whistling to his more extreme supporters that I'm German

1       or Jewish and, hence, unAmerican"?

2           A. I remember believing that and communicating it to  
3 various people. I don't remember if that was part of that  
4 email, but it might well have been.

5           Q. Just to be clear, you recall sending a letter to  
6 the Board of Supervisors about Sheriff Alex Villanueva and  
7 him referring to you as Max-Gustaf; you just don't recall if  
8 the specific words I said were in that letter?

9           A. The part about --

10           MR. TOKORO: Hold on, Max.

11           Objection. It misstates his prior testimony. I  
12 believe what he said was he recalled sending a letter about  
13 the Holocaust denier comment. Second, the question is vague  
14 and ambiguous. And, third, as we've done in other  
15 depositions, if you want to show him the letter, you're free  
16 to do so. But asking him questions and not showing it to  
17 him and trying to test his memory is not appropriate.

18           THE WITNESS: And I would add one which is I don't  
19 remember it being a letter. I think it's an email. But I  
20 sent him an email. I remember an email about the Holocaust,  
21 and that's why I sent it, because that was a big deal. If  
22 I'm the inspector general and somebody says I'm a Holocaust  
23 denier, I would expect my bosses to want to know, Is he a  
24 Holocaust denier? So I wanted to let them know, no, I don't  
25 deny the Holocaust.

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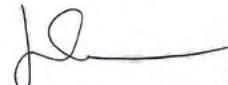
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8                   of the proceedings was made by me using machine shorthand  
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10                  the foregoing transcript is a true record of the testimony  
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20                  name.

21                  Dated: March 17, 2025



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23                   JOHN FAHRENWALD  
24                   CA CSR 14369

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1           A. No. I don't know -- do you can count a college  
2 degree as advanced? I have a college degree. I have a  
3 certificate in acting from a junior college. That's it.

4           Q. Your college degree, is that a bachelor's degree?

5           A. Yes.

6           Q. And where did you obtain that from?

7           A. I graduated from UC Santa Cruz.

8           Q. And what's the bachelor's degree in?

9           A. Politics.

10          Q. And have you ever been subject to any professional  
11 discipline by the California bar?

12          A. No.

13          Q. To your knowledge, has there ever been a complaint  
14 filed with the California bar against you?

15          A. Yes.

16          Q. And do you have an understanding of what that  
17 complaint was about?

18          A. Yes.

19          Q. What's your understanding?

20          A. It was a complaint by Alex Villanueva that he  
21 claimed that I and others tipped off the target of a search  
22 warrant in order to obstruct justice.

23          Q. Do you know the status of that complaint?

24          A. As to me, it is closed.

25          Q. And do you know when that complaint was filed?

# EXHIBIT 33

16 REMOTE DEPOSITION OF MERCEDES CRUZ

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21 Alex Villanueva

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1 Q. And do you have -- do you see here there's a  
2 reference to la malinche?

3 A. I see that.

4 Q. Do you have an understanding of what la malinche  
5 refers to?

6 A. I do.

7 Q. What is your understanding of that?

8 A. Well, it has to do with Mexican culture and  
9 heritage. And generally speaking, it's someone who  
10 turns against their own people. This was a woman who  
11 was an indigenous person who collaborated with the white  
12 Spaniards and was an interpreter for them. So that's  
13 the context of it.

14 Q. And are you yourself Mexican?

15 A. I am not.

16 Q. And do you have any understanding that la  
17 malinche refers specifically to someone's race?

18 A. I think, as I said, it's a historical reference  
19 to this person. And it's a term against their own kind.

20 Q. And do you have an understanding that la  
21 malinche specifically refers to someone's gender?

22 A. It's a female person. The person that  
23 historically had that last name or was -- that was her  
24 name.

25 Q. Understood. Do you see here there's a reference

1 Q. And is a -- is the CEOP panel, does it have  
2 jurisdiction on how the Sheriff's Department should  
3 comply with oversight?

4 A. I'm not understanding the question. But I think  
5 I might understand the question. And if -- I don't have  
6 any particular authority over the sheriff.

7 Q. And is part of -- is the CEOP's purview -- is  
8 it -- does it determine one way or the other whether the  
9 Sheriff's Department is appropriately responding to  
10 oversight?

11 MR. TOKORO: Well, objection. Incomplete  
12 hypothetical, relevance, and not tied to the facts of  
13 this case.

14 But you can answer.

15 THE WITNESS: I think I made it clear in the  
16 beginning what the CEOP's duties are.

17 MR. DIBONA: Understood.

18 Q. And is one of their duties to -- to -- to  
19 determine if the Sheriff's Department has appropriately  
20 responded to oversight?

21 MR. TOKORO: Same objections. And also, asked  
22 and answered.

23 You can answer it again.

24 THE WITNESS: Again, I did explain what we do.  
25 And also, it would be -- depend on whether it came

1 before us in a case and the context.

2 But generally speaking, we don't have any  
3 control over the sheriff.

4 MR. DIBONA: Q. And by the way, why do you  
5 believe Sheriff Villanueva opened a criminal  
6 investigation into Esther Lim?

7 A. You would have to ask Sheriff Villanueva that.

8 Q. Okay. And sorry, unclear question.

9 Why do you believe there was -- there was an  
10 underlying fact that Sheriff Villanueva opened a  
11 criminal investigation into Esther Lim?

12 A. Again, misstates my testimony. Sorry.

13 MR. TOKORO: Okay, you can go ahead.

14 THE WITNESS: It's hard to divorce myself from  
15 the fact that I'm an attorney. I'm trying hard.

16 MR. DIBONA: Q. I believe your exact words  
17 were a criminal investigation or a quasi-criminal  
18 investigation into Esther Lim.

19 Does that comport with your recollection?

20 A. What I --

21 MR. TOKORO: Objection. Misstates her prior  
22 testimony. What she said was a semi-criminal  
23 investigation into Ms. Lim's personal Tweets.

24 But you can answer.

25 THE WITNESS: You just did.

1 get up, like he did, in his uniform, using the Sheriff's  
2 Department's social media to talk about individual  
3 employees. She was talking about her personal opinions  
4 on her personal social media.

5 MR. DIBONA: Q. And did you ever review Esther  
6 Lim's Tweets?

7 A. As part of the materials that were given to us.

8 Q. You did review her Tweets, just to be --

9 A. Just the ones -- just the ones that were  
10 included in the report.

11 Q. Okay. And so let me just -- and by the way, I  
12 know we're at Page -- just -- you probably can't see  
13 this, we're at approximately Page 17 of 80.

14 We haven't seen any of Esther Lim's Tweets yet,  
15 have we?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Okay. And so I'm just going to scroll down  
18 through the report just for a moment.

19 Do you see here under 6, there's Documentary  
20 Evidence A, B, C?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And there's no reference to Esther Lim's Tweets  
23 there, is there?

24 A. In the other one. In Max -- in Max's, there  
25 were Tweets.

1 Q. Right. And those were Tweets by

2 Sheriff Villanueva, correct?

3 A. I believe so.

4 Q. Okay. So just to be clear, and that's -- my

5 question was, did you ever see any of Esther Lim's

6 Tweets?

7 A. I don't think I actually saw them. I only saw

8 the materials that were included. I didn't go outside

9 of any of the materials that were included.

10 Q. So what is your basis for saying what Ms. Lim  
11 did or didn't do in those Tweets?

12 A. According to her testimony.

13 Q. And you believed her testimony?

14 A. Absolutely.

15 Q. Just a moment. By the way, did you know that

16 Hilda Solis disciplined Esther Lim for the Tweets she

17 sent?

18 A. Hmm. That was my understanding.

19 Q. And so can you explain how it would be that

20 Sheriff Villanueva -- and by the way, do you have any

21 belief that Hilda Solis was retaliating against Esther

22 Lim based on her gender, race, or any other protected

23 characteristic when she disciplined her for sending

24 those Tweets?

25 MR. TOKORO: Objection. Lacks foundation and

1     calls for speculation regarding what Supervisor Solis  
2     intended.

3                 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't know. And I wouldn't  
4     know which Tweets, because I'm sure she sent a lot. And  
5     I don't know that she disciplined her for every Tweet  
6     she sent. You know, I -- without getting into  
7     Ms. Solis's head, without seeing what she was seeing, I  
8     have no way of answering that.

9                 MR. DIBONA: Q. And so just -- and excuse me.  
10                 Do you believe there's any inconsistency in  
11     saying Sheriff Villanueva is retaliating against Ms. Lim  
12     or asking for an investigation into these Tweets and for  
13     Ms. Solis to actually be the one to discipline her for  
14     it?

15                 MR. TOKORO: Objection. Question is vague and  
16     ambiguous. And it also misstates the report and what  
17     Ms. Lim said to the investigator.

18                 But you can otherwise answer.

19                 THE WITNESS: I really can't. I don't really  
20     understand the question. It's kind of convoluted.

21                 MR. DIBONA: Okay.

22                 Q. As a general -- I'll ask a different one.

23                 As a general matter, Ms. Cruz, do you take what  
24     witnesses say at face value in the -- on the -- in  
25     the -- on the CEOP?

1 actually Alex Villanueva's signature, correct?

2 A. That is correct.

3 Q. But you do see that it at least purports to be  
4 his signature at the bottom, correct?

5 A. It says Alex Villanueva.

6 Q. All right. And so have you ever -- and just --  
7 I'll -- with that context near the top, have you ever  
8 seen this letter before me showing it to you right now?

9 A. I think so, but I'm not sure.

10 Q. Okay. You see here the -- it -- it's addressed  
11 to Dear Supervisor Solis.

12 You see that?

13 A. Yes. That's --

14 Q. And --

15 A. Mm-hmm.

16 Q. And the reference -- sorry, the beginning part  
17 of the letter is Ethical Violations of First District  
18 Justice Deputy.

19 A. I see --

20 Q. Do you see that?

21 A. -- that, mm-hmm.

22 Q. And you see here there's a reference to the,  
23 quote, "shocking behavior by Justice Deputy Esther Lim."

24 Do you see that?

25 A. Yes.

1           Q. And this letter, the date on it is February 9th,  
2 2021.

3           Do you see that?

4           A. I do.

5           Q. And so with all that context, do you have an  
6 understanding that this at least appears to be the  
7 letter that Sheriff Villanueva sent to Hilda Solis and  
8 the Board of Supervisors regarding her?

9           MR. TOKORO: Objection. Lacks foundation and  
10 calls for speculation.

11           THE WITNESS: Again, I have no way of knowing if  
12 that's the letter. But if you purport it to be, then  
13 you can proceed.

14           MR. DIBONA: Q. Just in the first paragraph,  
15 we don't have to read the whole letter, do you see  
16 anywhere in this first paragraph where  
17 Sheriff Villanueva is asking for Esther Lim to be fired?

18           MR. TOKORO: And once again, I'm just going to  
19 make the objection that it lacks foundation and calls  
20 for speculation, not just because she's never seen this  
21 letter before, but also, because you're asking her about  
22 what Mr. Villanueva intended.

23           And I'm also going to object that the question  
24 is misleading, in that you are trying to divorce this  
25 from the testimony given by Ms. Lim about her

1                   MR. TOKORO: Lacks foundation, calls for  
2 speculation.

3                   But you have the answer.

4                   THE WITNESS: Sorry. I'll slow down.

5                   MR. DIBONA: Q. And by the way, you don't have  
6 any recollection of Esther Lim saying to the  
7 investigator that she called Sheriff Villanueva a fool,  
8 do you?

9                   MR. TOKORO: I'm just going to make the  
10 objection that it is incomplete. You're reading one  
11 word out of a Tweet that is about 40 words.

12                  But you can otherwise answer.

13                  THE WITNESS: I don't recall her talking about  
14 fool in the report.

15                  MR. DIBONA: Q. And by the way, do you know  
16 one way or the other whether Esther Lim was actually  
17 working for Hilda Solis on September 29th, 2020?

18                  A. I wouldn't know that, no.

19                  Q. The report actually says the Tweet she did about  
20 Sheriff Villanueva were for a previous employer,  
21 correct?

22                  MR. TOKORO: Objection. Misstates the document.

23                  But you can answer.

24                  THE WITNESS: I remember reading that she had  
25 done a number of Tweets for the -- when she was working

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# EXHIBIT 34



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA , WESTERN DIVISION

ALEX VILLANUEVA vs COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

LAURA LECRIVAIN

March 25, 2025

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5 ALEX VILLANUEVA, )  
6 Plaintiff, )  
7 vs. ) Case No.:  
8 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ) 2:24-cv-04979 SVW (JCx)  
9 ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LOS )  
10 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, )  
11 COUNTY EQUITY OVERSIGHT PANEL, LOS )  
12 ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR )  
13 GENERAL, CONSTANCE KOMOROSKI, MERCEDES )  
CRUZ, ROBERTA YANG, LAURA LECRIVAIN, )  
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LIM, and DOES 1 to 100, inclusive, )  
Defendants. )

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17 Videoconference Deposition of

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19 Remote Via Zoom, beginning at 10:03 a.m.,

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11 Exhibit 1 Plaintiff Alex Villanueva's First 29  
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12 Laura Lecrivain; Request for Production  
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13 Exhibit 2 Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department 52  
14 Internal Affairs Bureau Investigative  
Report; Bates Nos. COLA2035-2119

15 Exhibit 3 Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department 66  
16 Internal Affairs Bureau Investigative  
Report; Bates Nos. 2120-2199

17 Exhibit 4 Office Correspondence on the letterhead 86  
18 of County of Los Angeles Sheriff's  
Department to County Equity Oversight  
19 Panel from Sergio V. Escobedo dated  
October 17, 2023

20 Exhibit 5 Letter on the letterhead of Office of the 114  
Sheriff County of Los Angeles to  
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21 Bates Nos. AV10545-10571;  
Letter on the letterhead of Office of the  
22 Sheriff County of Los Angeles to  
Supervisor Solis from Alex Villanueva  
23 dated March 4, 2022

25 Exhibit 6 Email chain; Bates Nos. COLA1915-1921 114

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4 Exhibit 7 Notification Letter on the letterhead of 133  
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1 KFI Radio, and on Twitter, Sheriff Alex Villanueva  
2 subjected Inspector General Max Huntsman to harassment  
3 on the basis of race/ethnicity/ancestry/national  
4 origin."

5                  Do you see that there?

6                  A Yes.

7                  Q Does that comport with your memory of what one  
8 of the allegations against Sheriff Alex Villanueva was  
9 with respect to the CEOP hearing?

10                A Yes.

11                Q Prior to you -- sorry. Prior to the CEOP  
12 hearing, did you know who Max Huntsman was?

13                A Yes.

14                Q Had you ever -- prior to the CEOP hearing, had  
15 you ever interacted with Max Huntsman at all?

16                A Yes.

17                Q How had you interacted with him?

18                A As the chief of professional standards, he had  
19 made some requests regarding other matters at  
20 professional standards.

21                Q Just to back up for a second. It is in the  
22 document. But you have an understanding that Max  
23 Huntsman's title with the county is inspector general;  
24 correct?

25                A Yes.

1 Complainant Esther Lim; do you see that?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Do you recall actually reading the interview  
4 transcript with Esther Lim?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And you see here there's a reference to  
7 Exhibits for the first two, for the policies. You  
8 recall actually reading those policies as part of the  
9 review of this prior to the hearing?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And there's another reference to Exhibit C,  
12 there's audio CD containing or conducting interviews on  
13 Facebook Live and KFI radio show. Sorry.

14 Do you see that?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did you actually listen to that audio CD?

17 A Yes.

18 Q To your recollection, did you actually listen  
19 to the whole thing?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Prior to the CEOP hearing, did you know who  
22 Esther Lim was?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And how did you know who she was?

25 A During my time as the captain of Twin Towers

1 A I'm sorry. I don't understand your question.

2 Q Do you see here there's a reference to

3 Supervisor Kuehl. Do you have an understanding of who

4 Supervisor Kuehl is?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Sheila Kuehl, she's a member of the board of

7 supervisors; correct?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Is it your understanding that Supervisor Kuehl

10 is a woman of color?

11 A I don't know anything about Ms. Kuehl's ethnic  
12 origin or background.

13 Q And do you know why Ms. Kuehl is referenced  
14 here as part of treatment of women of color?

15 A I do not.

16 Q Do you yourself speak Spanish?

17 A Yes, I do.

18 Q Do you have an understanding of what the  
19 word -- words "La Malinche" refers to?

20 A Yes, as it pertains to this investigation.

21 Q What's your understanding of how it pertains to  
22 this investigation?

23 A "La Malinche" was a term that Mr. Villanueva  
24 used to describe Supervisor Hilda Solis. "La Malinche"  
25 is considered a derogatory term. It means traitor.

1                   **Sorry. Do you see that there?**

2       A   **Yes.**

3       Q   **Do you read that to be saying that Ms. Lim's**  
4   **opinion as to why the flunkies are referring to the**  
5   **justice deputies?**

6       A   **I'm sorry. I don't understand your question.**

7       Q   **Sure. When it says -- I'll rephrase it.**

8                   **When you see here, "Ms. Lim said it would have**  
9   **been the Justice Deputies to respond to the issues he**  
10   **raised because they are a liaison to Sheriff**  
11   **Villanueva."**

12                  **Do you see that?**

13       A   **Yes, I do.**

14       Q   **In this paragraph, do you have an understanding**  
15   **that Ms. Lim is saying she believed "flunkies" referred**  
16   **to the justice deputies?**

17       A   **Yes.**

18       Q   **Do you -- do you believe that Sheriff**  
19   **Villanueva was referring to the justice deputies when he**  
20   **used the term "flunkies"?**

21       A   **In the context of this investigation, yes,**  
22   **because he -- prior to that he made reference to the**  
23   **supervisors probably not listening to the broadcast, and**  
24   **then referred to the flunkies. So in that context, yes.**

25       Q   **Let me just search one thing.**

1 By the way, while I'm just searching for  
2 something, do you know if there was anyone in the --  
3 excuse me -- anyone in the county listening to Sheriff  
4 Villanueva's Facebook Lives and making summaries of  
5 them?

6 A I do not know.

7 Q Do you see on your screen -- I'm at, for the  
8 record, COLA002137, do you see -- do you see the  
9 document on your screen?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Do you see there's a reference to -- sorry. Do  
12 you see the section, "Sheriff Villanueva's Facebook Live  
13 Session"?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And do you see here it says:  
16 "In the beginning it was just Ms. Pawlowski  
17 listening and taking notes. Somewhere along the way,  
18 she started to receive summaries of the sessions from  
19 the CEO's office, Countywide Communications Unit.  
20 Ms. Pawlowski did not know who sent them because she  
21 would receive them from Supervisor Kuehl's  
22 Communications Deputy. Lenny McGuire is in charge."

23 Did I read that correctly?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Did you ever see any of these summaries?

1 A I did not.

2 Q Does this, by the way, refresh your  
3 recollection that there were, in the Countywide  
4 Communications unit, someone was sending members of the  
5 board of supervisors staff summaries?

6 MR. TOKORO: Lacks foundation and calls for  
7 speculation, given that I don't believe there's a  
8 reference to the Sheriff's Department.

9 But you can, otherwise, answer, if you know.

10 THE DEPONENT: Yes. It reflects my  
11 recollection that I read this, that someone from the  
12 CEO's office and this Countywide Communication was in  
13 fact doing summaries.

14 BY MR. DIBONA:

15 Q So how do we know -- how do you know, if you  
16 do, Sheriff Villanueva was referring to justice deputies  
17 as "flunkies" as opposed to the individuals summarizing  
18 his Facebook Live chats?

19 MR. TOKORO: Objection. Question has already  
20 been asked and answered.

21 You can answer again.

22 THE DEPONENT: I don't know what Sheriff  
23 Villanueva was referencing to the justice deputies. So  
24 I don't know what Sheriff Villanueva was referencing to  
25 due to the fact that he did not interview, so all I had

1 was Esther Lim's assumption and assertion.

2 BY MR. DiBONA:

3 Q Just to be clear, is it your testimony that in  
4 the absence of an interview by the subject, you go by  
5 the interview's assertion and assumptions?

6 A Not alone. Not that alone.

7 Q Do you see here there's a reference to --  
8 sorry. You see here there's a quote, "young  
9 20-something woke and dumb women."

10 Do you see that there?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Did you ever hear of Facebook Live where  
13 Sheriff Villanueva said "woke young 20-something woke  
14 and dumb women"?

15 A I don't recall.

16 Q Did you ever hear any audio at all of "young  
17 20-something woke and dumb women"?

18 A Not those exact words, not "woke and dumb  
19 women."

20 Q You do agree, you do see it in quotations here;  
21 correct?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And so did you ever ask anyone where is -- if  
24 it's a quote, where is it an actual quote from?

25 MR. TOKORO: Objection. Just like you've done

1 in the other depositions, you are misstating what is  
2 quoted in this document. As was testified to, the  
3 quotation is about what was being told by Ms. Pawlowski.

4 But you can, otherwise, answer.

5 THE DEPONENT: So I'm sorry. What was your  
6 question, sir?

7 BY MR. DIBONA:

8 Q Did you ever ask where -- I'll rephrase it.  
9 Did you ever ask where this quote is coming  
10 from?

11 A That's Pawlowski's testimony.

12 Q And do you actually think it's important one  
13 way or another to actually know one way or the other if  
14 Sheriff Villanueva actually said that?

15 A Yes. I believe it's important. However, he  
16 did not -- he was not willing to participate in the  
17 process.

18 Q And you still had Sheriff Villanueva's actual  
19 Facebook Lives and audio of his KFI interviews; correct?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And excuse me. And you listened to them;  
22 correct?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And you didn't hear the quote "young  
25 20-something woke and dumb women" when you listened to

1 Q And why -- do you believe Ms. Pawlowski when  
2 she said she recalled Sheriff Villanueva using the,  
3 quote, "young 20-something woke and dumb women"?

4 MR. TOKORO: Objection. You're once again  
5 misstating the document. That is not a quote from what  
6 Mr. Villanueva said. Ms. Lecrivain has repeatedly  
7 testified to that.

8 You can ask her one more time.

9 THE DEPONENT: Again, my decision was based on  
10 the totality of this incident, the totality of this  
11 investigation, and this was Ms. Pawlowski's testimony.

12 BY MR. DIBONA:

13 Q Do you believe Ms. Pawlowski's testimony?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Why?

16 A Again, in the totality of everything, it was  
17 gathered during this case. And, again, the subject was  
18 afforded the opportunity to participate, and he chose  
19 not to participate in the investigation.

20 Q Totality of the circumstances, does that mean  
21 you don't look at all the evidence in isolation, you  
22 look at it all together?

23 A I look at all in context.

24 Q Yes. So excuse me. So for the totality of the  
25 circumstances, it's in the name; right? There have to

1                   Did I read that correctly?

2       A     Yes.

3       Q     So is it your understanding -- I think we

4 mentioned earlier, there was a notification letter.

5 This is the complainant being notified that there was

6 indeed a policy violation with respect to Alex

7 Villanueva; correct?

8       A     Yes.

9       Q     In terms of the outcome, it says, "appropriate

10 administrative action will be taken"; correct?

11      A     Yes.

12      Q     By the way, the policy and the equality

13 violation, that means things of harassment,

14 discrimination, and retaliation policies of that nature;

15 correct?

16      A     Yes.

17      Q     Do you see here there's a statement:

18                  "You should be aware that Alex Villanueva has

19 the right to grieve and/or otherwise appeal this

20 recommended determination"?

21      A     Yes.

22      Q     To your understanding, is this a true

23 statement?

24      A     No.

25      Q     And do you have any explanation as to why

1 whoever wrote this document had that in there?

2 A I don't know why they wrote that. I would --  
3 if I had to speculate, I would speculate that it's an  
4 oversight. These letters are usually templates. So I  
5 would say that it was an oversight.

6 Q What is your understanding -- sorry. Just to  
7 ask you -- (indistinct verbiage) what's your understand-  
8 -- strike that.

9 Is it your testimony then that Alex Villanueva  
10 did not have the right to grieve or otherwise appeal the  
11 recommendation of the CEOP that the department concurred  
12 with?

13 A Yes. That's correct.

14 Q What's your -- what is your understanding based  
15 on?

16 A My understanding is based on the fact that POBR  
17 no longer applied, and he was not an active employee of  
18 the Sheriff's Department. He was not an active sworn  
19 employee of the Sheriff's Department.

20 MR. DiBONA: The answer was the understanding  
21 is based on that POBR no longer applied. He was no  
22 longer an active employee of the Sheriff's Department.

23 MR. TOKORO: The only correction I would say  
24 there, Alex, is it was a sworn employee of the Sheriff's  
25 Department. Otherwise, I concur with your recitation.

1                   MR. DiBONA: That's fair. I didn't hear  
2 "sworn," but I'll believe you, if you heard it.

3           Q     After the CEOP hearing, did you ever hear in  
4 the media that Sheriff Villanueva -- strike that.

5                   Did you ever become aware of any media reports  
6 that Sheriff Villanueva was at -- the "Do Not Rehire"  
7 notation placed top of his file?

8           A     I'm sorry. What was the question?

9           Q     I'll rephrase it. Are you aware that the  
10 L.A. Times published a story that made public that  
11 Sheriff Villanueva was -- had not a "Do Not Rehire"  
12 notation placed top of file?

13          A     I was not.

14          Q     Did anyone from the L.A. Times ever contact you  
15 about Sheriff Villanueva?

16          A     No.

17          Q     I think my question was clear. But just in  
18 case it's not, at any point in time, did any member of  
19 the L.A. Times contact you for comment related to  
20 Sheriff Villanueva about anything?

21          A     No.

22          Q     Has any member of the media ever contacted you  
23 for comment related to Sheriff Villanueva at any time?

24          A     No.

25          Q     Even if they didn't ask, have you provided any

1 comments to the media related to Sheriff Villanueva at  
2 any time?

3 A No.

4 Q At the time of the CEOP hearing, were you aware  
5 that Sheriff Villanueva was currently running for a seat  
6 on the board of supervisors?

7 A No.

8 Q Have you -- and since the CEOP hearing, have  
9 you had any contact with Sheriff Villanueva?

10 A No.

11 Q To your knowledge, has Sheriff Villanueva ever  
12 reached out to you since the CEOP hearing?

13 A No.

14 Q Since the CEOP hearing, did the department take  
15 any action of any kind after that with respect to  
16 Sheriff Villanueva?

17 A Not to my knowledge.

18 Q Is there any part of your testimony -- as you  
19 sit here today, is there any part of your testimony that  
20 you believe needs to be changed?

21 A No.

22 MR. DIBONA: I don't have any further  
23 questions.

24 Do you, Counsel?

25 MR. TOKORO: I do.

1                   If you can't hear me at any point in time,  
2 Cila, just let me know.

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4                   CROSS EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. TOKORO:

6                 Q     Chief Lecrivain, you were asked a number of  
7 questions by Mr. DiBona, and I want to get to the heart  
8 of the matter.

9                 Did Sheriff Luna have any involvement in your  
10 decision to concur with the CEOP's recommendations with  
11 respect to Mr. Villanueva?

12          A     No.

13          Q     Did Sheriff Luna attend the CEOP hearing at  
14 which those recommendations were made?

15          A     No.

16          Q     Did Sheriff Luna communicate with you or direct  
17 you in any way regarding your concurrence with the  
18 CEOP's recommendations?

19          A     No.

20          Q     Did anyone from the board of supervisors,  
21 specifically a board supervisor, attend the CEOP hearing  
22 on October 17 of 2023?

23          A     No.

24          Q     Did you communicate with any of the board of  
25 supervisors regarding your concurrence in the CEOP's

1                   With respect to Measure A, did Measure A have  
2 anything to do with your decision to concur in the  
3 CEOP's recommendations?

4                   MR. DiBONA: Objection to form.

5                   THE DEPONENT: No, it did not.

6 BY MR. TOKORO:

7                   Q         Did Mr. Villanueva's position on Measure A have  
8 anything to do with your concurrence in the CEOP's  
9 recommendations?

10                  MR. DiBONA: Objection; form.

11                  THE DEPONENT: No, it did not.

12 BY MR. TOKORO:

13                  Q         Did Measure J have anything to do with your  
14 decision at the October 17, 2023 CEOP hearing?

15                  MR. DiBONA: Objection; form.

16                  THE DEPONENT: No, it did not.

17 BY MR. TOKORO:

18                  Q         Did Mr. Villanueva's position or opposition to  
19 Measure J have anything to do with your decision to  
20 concur in the CEOP's recommendations?

21                  MR. DiBONA: Objection; form.

22                  THE DEPONENT: No, it did not.

23 BY MR. TOKORO:

24                  Q         Did Measure R have anything to do with your  
25 decision at the October 17, 2023 CEOP hearing?

1 A No.

2 Q Did Mr. Villanueva's opposition to Measure R  
3 have anything to do with your decision at the  
4 October 17, 2023 CEOP hearing?

5 MR. DiBONA: Objection; form.

6 THE DEPONENT: No, it did not.

7 BY MR. TOKORO:

8 Q Now, Mr. DiBona also asked you about a Fulgent  
9 contract. Do you recall him asking you about that?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Did Fulgent have anything to do with your  
12 decision to concur with the CEOP's recommendations  
13 regarding the allegations against Mr. Villanueva?

14 MR. DiBONA: Objection; form.

15 THE DEPONENT: No, it did not.

16 BY MR. TOKORO:

17 Q Did Mr. Villanueva's opposition to the Fulgent  
18 contract with the county have anything to do with your  
19 decision on October 17 of 2023?

20 MR. DiBONA: Objection; form.

21 THE DEPONENT: No, it did not.

22 BY MR. TOKORO:

23 Q Mr. DiBona also asked you about  
24 Mr. Villanueva's refusal to enforce the vaccine mandate  
25 in connection with department personnel.

## 1 DEPOSITION OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE

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3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ) ss.  
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19 the deponent was first placed under oath or affirmation  
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ALEX VILLANUEVA vs COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

KYLA COATES

March 26, 2025

Lisa Lemus, CSR No. 11484, Job No. 6902

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24      Reported by: Lisa Lemus, CSR No. 11484

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1 Remote Videoconference Deposition of  
2 KYLA COATES, taken on behalf of Plaintiff via Zoom  
3 appearance at, Los Angeles, California, at 10:02 a.m.,  
4 Wednesday, March 26, 2025, before LISA LEMUS, CSR No.  
5 11484, a Certified Shorthand Reporters within and for the  
6 County of Ventura, State of California, pursuant to  
7 Notice.

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1 about this lawsuit outside the presence of your  
2 attorneys?

3 A. No.

4 Q. And have you had any discussion with Esther Lim  
5 about this lawsuit outside the presence of your  
6 attorneys?

7 A. No.

8 MR. TOKORO: Alex, I'm just gonna interpose an  
9 objection to the extent that your questions would suggest  
10 that Ms. Coates has had conversation with any of those  
11 individuals and her counsel, I can tell you no such  
12 meetings have happened.

13 BY MR. DiBONA:

14 Q. Sorry if I asked you this before. Have you had  
15 any conversations with Veronica Pawlowski outside the  
16 presence of your attorneys about this lawsuit?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Excuse me. We've -- I know you said who your  
19 boss was, but just for the record, are you currently  
20 employed?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Who are you currently employed by?

23 A. The County of Los Angeles.

24 Q. And what is your position?

25 A. Senior justice and mental health deputy for

1 Sheriff Villanueva was sheriff of Los Angeles County from  
2 2018 to 2022?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Was your interaction with the sheriff's  
5 department, professionally speaking, any different from  
6 2020 when you had your current role until 2022?

7 A. No. Just different people.

8 Q. Who -- who were your primary points of contact in  
9 the Sheriff's Department from 2020 until 2022?

10 A. So Kim Murakami was the chief of staff -- sorry,  
11 assistant sheriff, I would engage with him frequently.  
12 And then Christine was still the liaison and I believe  
13 Vanessa Chao, I think is her name, was the other liaison  
14 for a while. So they were my two points of contact. And  
15 then I did engage quite frequently during those years  
16 directly with Bruce Chase and Brendon Corbett who were  
17 over custody and patrol. So for questions about --  
18 specifically about custody or patrol, I would go directly  
19 to them.

20 Q. From 2020 to 2022, did you have any direct  
21 interaction with Sheriff Villanueva?

22 A. With just me, no. But with my supervisor, with  
23 my boss, yes.

24 Q. Meaning there were occasions where, just to be  
25 clear, were there occasions when it was just you,

1 Villanueva say what he means when he uses the term  
2 "woke"?

3 A. No.

4 Q. And -- and I take it from your response, Sheriff  
5 Villanueva didn't say to you what he meant during that  
6 conversation; is that right?

7 A. That is correct.

8 Q. How many times did -- sorry, just to be clear,  
9 the words were something to the effect of you looked like  
10 a woke 20-something that worshipped in the alter -- at  
11 the alter of wokeness. Do I have that right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How many times did he make such a remark?

14 A. Directly to me or in public?

15 Q. Sorry, fair question. How many times did Sheriff  
16 Villanueva say that directly to you?

17 A. I think just that one time.

18 Q. And Ms. Hahn, she was on the Zoom meeting so  
19 presumably she heard it; is that your understanding?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did you and Ms. Hahn discuss that comment at all  
22 afterwards?

23 A. I don't remember.

24 Q. Did you memorialize that remark when it happened  
25 in any way, like sending an email, writing a personal

1 note, anything like that?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Other than -- did you report that remark to  
4 anyone in the -- in the county outside of Ms. Hahn?

5 A. No.

6 Q. And is there any reason why not?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Other than the remark we just mentioned, did  
9 Sheriff Villanueva say anything else in these Zoom  
10 meetings that you found inappropriate or offensive?

11 A. Not that I remember.

12 Q. And was there ever a time when you and Sheriff  
13 Villanueva interacted directly in person that you recall?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And how many times did that happen?

16 A. Multiple times. I would say definitely a  
17 handful.

18 Q. And were -- were those interactions, were they at  
19 board of supervisors' public meetings?

20 A. Sometimes.

21 Q. Outside of the -- outside of the board of  
22 supervisors public meetings, how many times do you think  
23 you had direct interaction with Sheriff Villanueva?

24 A. We would interact at press conferences, so a  
25 handful of times outside of the supervisors meetings.

1           Q. When you say you interacted with press  
2         conferences, what was your role at the press conference?

3           A. It would depend on the type of press conference.  
4         So one that I distinctly remember, our office partnered  
5         with the Sheriff's Department to host a gun buy-back and  
6         both we -- invited Sheriff Villanueva to come and speak  
7         at the press conference. So that time because our office  
8         had helped organize the press conference, we were engaged  
9         with him, we provided the podium, both the supervisors  
10        spoke together -- or sorry, the supervisor and the former  
11        sheriff spoke together. And then other times it would  
12        have been a sheriff hosted press conference, like  
13        announcing a reward or a shooting or something. And so  
14        in that case, the Sheriff's Department would have been  
15        the ones organizing everything and I would have been  
16        there with my boss to speak, to have her speak.

17           Q. Did Sheriff Villanueva say anything at the press  
18         conferences that you found inappropriate or offensive  
19         about you?

20           A. No.

21           Q. And just to be clear, did you ever have any  
22         one-on-one conversations with Sheriff Villanueva when  
23         doing these press conferences?

24           A. I don't think so, no.

25           Q. And also is it fair to say -- sorry, let me just

1 things he would say publically and call him out for  
2 lying.

3 Q. Any other way that she would call him out other  
4 than that?

5 A. I can't remember other specific ways.

6 Q. Did Sheriff Villanueva ever say to you directly  
7 that justice deputies were all women?

8 A. Not directly to me during a meeting. He said it  
9 on his lives that I watched or I heard about.

10 Q. Did Sheriff Villanueva ever directly say to you  
11 anything about the board of supervisors being all women?

12 A. Not to me during a meeting but he said it during  
13 his press conferences that I watched and his lives and on  
14 a radio interview, I believe, that I listened to.

15 Q. Did you ever directly ask Sheriff Villanueva what  
16 are you implying even if you are all women, or words to  
17 that effect?

18 A. No.

19 Q. And did you -- for whatever reason, did you ever  
20 tell Ms. Diaz Herrera that you had asked Sheriff  
21 Villanueva directly what are you implying by saying we're  
22 all women?

23 A. I don't think so. I don't remember.

24 Q. Do you ever recall -- excuse me. Do you ever  
25 recall Sheriff Villanueva saying anything negative

1 Q. And just to be clear, do you remember anything

2 Ms. Hahn said in response to the LA times article?

3 A. No.

4 Q. And just to be clear, do you remember anything

5 you said to Ms. Hahn after you read the LA times article?

6 A. No.

7 Q. I'm sending Exhibit 3 through the chat.

8 Do you see a document on your screen?

9 A. Yes.

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11 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 3 was marked for

12 identification.)

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14 BY MR. DiBONA:

15 Q. It's AV010572 to 76. Do you recognize this board

16 motion?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And did you, yourself have any role in helping to

19 draft this board motion?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Do you know -- at the top you see here there was

22 a -- the motion was brought by supervisors Mark

23 Ridley-Thomas and Sheila Kuehl, correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Do you have an understanding of which justice

1      **deputies on staff would have drafted this motion?**

2            **A. At the time I believe supervisor Ridley-Thomas'**  
3        **justice deputy was Michelle Newell. And I cannot**  
4        **remember who -- I can't remember who Sheila Kuehl's**  
5        **justice deputy was at this time.**

6            **Q. And do you recall, did Janice Hahn vote for this**  
7        **in favor of this motion?**

8            **A. Yes.**

9            **Q. And as a justice deputy, do you make any**  
10        **recommendations to Ms. Hahn on how she should vote for**  
11        **motions?**

12          **A. We discussed them together, but ultimately she is**  
13        **the person who decides how to vote.**

14          **Q. Did you ever discuss this particular motion with**  
15        **Ms. Hahn?**

16          **A. Yes.**

17          **Q. And did you recommend her voting in favor of it?**

18          **A. Yes.**

19          **Q. And why did you believe that Ms. Hahn -- sorry,**  
20        **by the way, just so the record's clear, the motion is**  
21        **titled, Report regarding options for removing the**  
22        **sheriff. You see that there?**

23          **A. Yes. Can you scroll down to the directive so I**  
24        **can --**

25          **Q. Yes. Yes. I was going to do -- I was going to**

1 Q. And did -- excuse me. At some point in time,  
2 there was a ballot -- actually sorry. I can close this  
3 exhibit.

4 At some point in time, there was a ballot measure  
5 A voted on by the board of supervisors. Do you recall  
6 that?

7 A. I'm going to clarify that statement. The ballot  
8 measure was placed on the ballot by the board of  
9 supervisors.

10 Q. Yeah, my --

11 A. The vote was simply to place the ballot -- sorry.  
12 The vote was to place the measure on the ballot, not a  
13 vote to approve or not approve the measure.

14 Q. Understood. And sorry if my question was  
15 unclear. But so just to -- just so I'm clear, the board  
16 of supervisors votes on whether or not the voters of Los  
17 Angeles County will vote on the matter; is that fair?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. And ballot measure A was stated that the board of  
20 supervisors could remove a Los Angeles County sheriff by  
21 a four-fifths vote. Is that your understanding?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. And did Janice Hahn vote in favor of placing that  
24 on the ballot for Los Angeles County voters?

25 A. Yes.

1           Q. And it's fair to say you had an understanding  
2       Sheriff Villanueva spoke out against measure A; is that  
3       right?

4           A. Yes.

5           Q. Do you recall ballot -- by the way, in -- I  
6       can put it back up if you need me to, but the -- in  
7       October -- as of October of 2020 which was the date of  
8       the -- excuse me -- which is the date of this motion, do  
9       you recall if Sheriff Villanueva had said anything you  
10      found inappropriate or offensive prior to October of  
11      2020?

12          A. Yes.

13          Q. What did he -- just for time, prior to October of  
14       2020, what did he say that was inappropriate or  
15       offensive?

16          A. Prior to October 2020, he had already started  
17       coming after the board of supervisors, accusing them of  
18       falsities and pegging himself against them.

19          Q. By the way, is there anything inappropriate about  
20       an elected official saying that other elected officials  
21       are doing something wrong?

22          A. There's something inappropriate about accusing  
23       them of corruption and lying about things that they're  
24       doing.

25          Q. One -- was Mark Ridley-Thomas a corrupt member of

1 happened before October of 2020.

2 Q. By the way, do you believe it was offensive that  
3 prior to 2020, Sheriff Villanueva said the board of  
4 supervisors was corrupt?

5 A. Yes, because the board is comprised of five  
6 individuals. And so to lump all of them in an accusation  
7 publically without evidence is inappropriate.

8 Q. Are you familiar with measure R?

9 A. I know what measure R is.

10 Q. Is it your understanding measure R gave certain  
11 subpoena powers to the civilian oversight commission?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And did the board of supervisors have to vote to  
14 place measure R on the ballot to be decided by voters?

15 A. I think so, but that vote happened before I  
16 worked with the board. So I don't have any firsthand  
17 knowledge of it.

18 Q. Do you have an understanding one way or another  
19 if Ms. Hahn voted to place measure R on the ballot?

20 A. I don't know. I would have to look it up.

21 Q. And do you know one way or another if Sheriff  
22 Villanueva took any public stance for or against measure  
23 R?

24 A. I don't know.

25 Q. And was there a ballot measure that was placed on

1 the ballot by this board of supervisors ballot measure J?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And is it your understanding that ballot measure  
4 J had to do with what percentage of the LA County budget  
5 went to social services?

6 A. I'm gonna clarify. It had to do with what  
7 percentage of a certain part of the LA County budget went  
8 to social services, and that part is unrestricted net  
9 county cost funds.

10 Q. And did Janice Hahn support placing measure J on  
11 the ballot?

12 A. Yes. She voted in support of placing measure J  
13 on the ballot so that the voters could decide if they  
14 wanted to pass measure J.

15 Q. Was it your understanding, did Janice Hahn also  
16 publically support voters voting in favor of measure J?

17 A. No. I don't think -- I don't think she -- no. I  
18 don't think so.

19 Q. And -- excuse me. Did -- sorry, strike that.

20 Did you recommend that Ms. Hahn vote for  
21 measure -- that vote that measure J be placed on the  
22 ballot, excuse me?

23 A. Yes. So I recommended that Supervisor Hahn vote  
24 to approve it being placed on the ballot.

25 Q. And did you, yourself, also personally support

1 measure J?

2 A. What do you mean by "personally support"?

3 Q. Did you vote in favor of it?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And did -- going back, did you vote in favor of a  
6 ballot measure A?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Do you recall if you voted in favor of ballot  
9 measure R?

10 A. I don't recall.

11 Q. And did you have an understanding that Sheriff  
12 Villanueva publically stated to the board of supervisors  
13 that in his opinion, ballot measure J was a defund the  
14 police measure?

15 A. Yes, he stated that, and I disagree with that  
16 statement.

17 Q. And -- excuse me.

18 Are you aware of any -- sorry. Are you aware at  
19 some point in time the board of supervisors did -- excuse  
20 me -- implemented a vaccine mandate for the COVID-19  
21 vaccine for all employees of the County of Los Angeles?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And that applied to the Sheriff's Department as  
24 well, correct, as employees of the county; is that your  
25 understanding?

1 informed.

2 Q. Broadly speaking, it was informational, correct?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And the policy of it would have been handled by  
5 the health deputy, correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Who was the health deputy at that time?

8 A. That's a good question. I believe it was Katie  
9 Butler. It was either Katie Butler or -- you know, I  
10 think it was Katie.

11 Q. And did you ever become aware that Sheriff  
12 Villanueva went on Fox news to in part say that he's not  
13 enforcing the mandate?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And did you -- and that was on I believe Tucker  
16 Carlson's program; is that your memory?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And did you, yourself, watch that interview?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Did you find it distasteful that Sheriff  
21 Villanueva was going on Tucker Carlson's program?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And by the way, just to take it one step, is it  
24 also your understanding that not only Sheriff Villanueva  
25 said publically he wasn't going to enforce it, he

1 actually did not enforce it throughout the time he was  
2 sheriff; is that your understanding?

3 A. I can't speak to the details of that because I'm  
4 not quite sure what the enforcement looked like.

5 Q. And are you aware of -- excuse me.

6 Are you aware of the company named Fulgent?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And did the County of Los Angeles contract with  
9 Fulgent related to vaccine testing or vaccine  
10 administration?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And did you have any role in Fulgent getting that  
13 contract?

14 A. No.

15 Q. If you can answer without speculating, do you  
16 know who in the county would have been responsible for  
17 getting that contract?

18 A. No.

19 Q. And did -- do you recall Sheriff Villanueva  
20 making public statements that Fulgent may share county  
21 employee data, health data with the People's Republic of  
22 China?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did you ever discuss that with Janice Hahn?

25 A. Yes.

1           Q. And was the reason you were doing that similar to  
2       the vaccine, you were her eyes and ears, you wanted to  
3       keep her informed?

4           A. Yes.

5           Q. What, if anything, did she say in response to  
6       that?

7           A. I don't remember.

8           MR. DiBONA: We could take another break, and  
9       actually I think we might be done before lunch, so is it  
10      okay if we take a five minute break now? If I have to  
11      keep going -- if I'm not done by one we'll discuss  
12      whether we need to break then, but I think we'll be out  
13      of here by one. Is that okay with everybody?

14           MR. TOKORO: Works for us. Let's go off the  
15      record then.

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17           (Off the record at 12:08 p.m.)

18           (On the record at 12:18 a.m.)

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20      BY MR. DiBONA:

21           Q. Ms. Coates, do you understand you're still under  
22      oath?

23           A. Yes.

24           Q. Is there any reason you can't continue to give  
25      your best testimony?

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ) ss.  
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4 I, KYLA COATES, declare under penalty of  
5 perjury that the foregoing testimony is true and correct  
6 to the best of my knowledge and belief.

7 Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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10 nothing but the truth in the within-entitled cause;

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12 by me, a disinterested person, at the time and place  
13 wherein stated, and that the testimony of the said  
14 witness was thereafter reduced to typewriting, by  
15 computer, under my direction and supervision;

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17 or attorney for either or any of the parties to the said  
18 deposition, nor in any way interested in the event of  
19 this cause, and that I am not related to any of the  
20 parties hereto.

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# EXHIBIT 36

In the Matter Of:

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ROBERTA YANG

March 10, 2025

Job No. 6946

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17 DEPOSITION OF ROBERTA YANG, taken on behalf of  
18 Plaintiff, via Zoom video conference, beginning at  
19 10:05 a.m., March 10, 2025 before WENDY L. GRAVES, RPR,  
20 Certified Shorthand Reporter No. 6138.

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1   **QUESTIONS WITNESS INSTRUCTED NOT TO ANSWER:**

2   **Page 71, Line 17:**

3                 My question is, and it hasn't been asked before.

4   It's different. The audio CD containing the Facebook

5   Live and KFI Radio show, that's a piece of evidence,

6   correct?

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8   **Page 119, Line 17:**

9                 Q. Excuse me. For the purposes of sending a  
10   subpoena, could you please put your residential address  
11   on the record?

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1           A. Well, I see the Table of Contents page. So  
2 probably that's the document.

3           Q. Do you recall reviewing the transcript of the  
4 interview with Max Huntsman?

5           A. I do.

6           Q. Do you recall, do you see here under C, do you  
7 see it says 1 CD containing recordings of subject  
8 Villanueva and references where they got those from?

9           A. I see. I do see that.

10          Q. Do you recall actually listening to the CD?

11          A. I did not.

12          Q. Any reason why not?

13          A. No.

14          Q. Do you recall actually reviewing -- you see here  
15 there is a reference to Tweets?

16          A. I see that, uh-huh.

17          Q. Do you recall actually reviewing any screen  
18 shots of Tweets?

19          A. Unless they were in the report itself, no.

20          Q. Do you see here there is a reference to email to  
21 the Sheriff's Department employees?

22          A. I see that, yes.

23          Q. Do you recall actually reviewing this email  
24 itself?

25          A. No.

1 Q. And you see also there is a reference to two  
2 articles from the Los Angeles Times?

3 A. I see that.

4 Q. Do you recall actually reviewing the two  
5 articles from the Los Angeles Times itself?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Okay. So is it fair to say that you recall  
8 reading the report itself but you did not read the  
9 exhibits attached to the report; would that be a fair  
10 characterization?

11 A. Unless there were excerpts of it perhaps in the  
12 report itself but, no, I did not independently review  
13 Exhibit C.

14 Q. Understood. And do you see here under there is  
15 a section Miscellaneous Documents, do you see that?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. Do you recall reviewing -- let's just take it  
18 one at a time. There is a request for IAB investigation  
19 memorandum. Do you recall actually reviewing that part  
20 of the document?

21 A. No. Unless you show it to me, no.

22 Q. And there is a subject of administrative  
23 investigation notification. Do you recall reviewing  
24 that as part of your review as a CEOP panelist into  
25 Sheriff Alex Villanueva?

1           A. No.

2           Q. And you see here there is a various manual of

3 policy and procedures; do you see that reference under

4 Miscellaneous Documents?

5           A. I do.

6           Q. Do you recall reviewing as part of this file the

7 manual of policy and procedures that are excerpted here

8 under Miscellaneous Documents?

9           A. I did not have a specific recollection in this

10 instance of reviewing it, but it is my practice in all

11 investigation that I review to reread those policies as

12 part of each investigation file review, yes.

13           Q. And also, I asked you earlier if you read the

14 transcript. Do you see here there is a reference to an

15 actual compact disk containing the audio of the

16 interview with Max Huntsman?

17           A. I see that, yes.

18           Q. Did you actually listen to the audio of the

19 interview?

20           A. No.

21           Q. Do you recall, as you see here there is a

22 document Personnel Investigation Form; do you see that

23 on your screen?

24           A. I do.

25           Q. Do you recall reviewing this document as part of

1           Q. All right. Do you see here there is a document  
2 called Investigative Summary?

3           A. Yes, I see in that front of me, uh-huh.

4           Q. Did you review this document as part of your  
5 work as a CEOP panelist?

6           A. Again, if it was included as part of the  
7 materials we were given to review in the Esther Lim  
8 complaint, then yes, I would have read this.

9           Q. Do you see here there is allegation 1, "In  
10 various public appearances on Facebook live and KFI  
11 Radio Sheriff Alex Villanueva subjected several Board of  
12 Supervisors, Justice Deputies to harassment on the basis  
13 of sex."

14           Does that comport with your recollection of the  
15 allegation against Sheriff Villanueva with respect to  
16 Esther Lim?

17           A. Probably one of them, yes.

18           Q. All right. Allegation number 2, "In various  
19 public appearances on Facebook Live and KFI Radio,  
20 Sheriff Alex Villanueva subjected several Board of  
21 Supervisors justice deputies to harassment on the basis  
22 of race, ethnicity and national origin.

23           Does that comport with your recollection of one  
24 of the allegations into Sheriff Villanueva with respect  
25 to Esther Lim?

1           A. I think it says ancestry, also. So yes, it was  
2 one of them.

3           Q. And allegation number 3, "In various public  
4 appearances on Facebook Live and KFI Radio, Sheriff Alex  
5 Villanueva subjected several Board of Supervisors  
6 justice deputies to harassment and retaliation on the  
7 basis of age."

8           Does that comport with your recollection of one  
9 of the allegations into Sheriff Villanueva?

10          A. Yes.

11          Q. You see here in all three of these allegations  
12 there is a reference to Facebook Live and KFI Radio,  
13 correct; do you see that?

14          A. I do see that.

15          Q. You did not believe it was important to actually  
16 listen to the Facebook Lives in determining the truth of  
17 these allegations?

18          A. To the extent there were references to these  
19 different appearances in the report itself, I read  
20 those, correct.

21          Q. Understood, but just to be clear. You didn't  
22 find it necessary to actually listen to the Facebook  
23 Live itself, correct?

24          A. No.

25          Q. And you didn't find it necessary to listen to

1 Is that your understanding?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did you actually review this letter that Sheriff  
4 Villanueva sent?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Did you actually review any of the Esther Lim's  
7 public social media posts which she said were attached,  
8 or sorry -- strike that.

9 Did you actually review any of the public social  
10 media posts that Ms. Lim said Mr. Villanueva was  
11 critical of in his letter?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Okay. To your recollection, did the CEOP come  
14 to the conclusion that Sheriff Villanueva had retaliated  
15 against Ms. Lim by sending this letter?

16 A. I don't recall what our findings were. I'd have  
17 to look at the part of the report where it documents our  
18 findings or our recommendations.

19 Q. On July 28, 2021, you see the statement on  
20 Facebook Live. I'm just asking, do you see that?

21 A. I see the subheading says that, yes.

22 Q. Do you see anything in quotation marks?

23 A. In this particular paragraph, I do not see any  
24 quotation marks.

25 Q. All right. On October 6, 2021, do you see how

1 the words "loud and clear" and "I'm pretty sure the  
2 flunkies are going to listen and get back to you."

3 Do you see how that's in quotation marks?

4 A. I see that.

5 Q. Do you see anything else in quotation marks in  
6 that paragraph, other than that?

7 A. Not in that paragraph, which is one of six  
8 paragraphs on that page, correct?

9 Q. Do you see here there is a reference to "he,"  
10 being Sheriff Villanueva, "also harassed the former  
11 county CEO, who was also a minority woman." Did I read  
12 that correctly?

13 A. I don't see that.

14 Q. Do you see it now?

15 A. I see the sentence "he also harassed the former  
16 county CEO, who was also a minority woman," yes.

17 Q. And you see, also, it goes on, "He opened up a  
18 criminal investigation to intimidate her."

19 A. I see that.

20 Q. Okay. From your understanding of your knowledge  
21 of county policies of equality or equity, is opening a  
22 criminal investigation an act of harassment?

23 A. I can't speak to that.

24 Q. Just to be clear, Miss Yang, you are a member of  
25 the CEOP, correct?

1 circumstance." So if you go to your share.

2 MR. DiBONA: I'm there.

3 MR. TOKORO: You should be able to -- if you go  
4 on the top and it should bring up a button, and it has  
5 the share control, and you should be able to assign it  
6 to Roberta.

7 MR. DiBONA: Yeah. One moment.

8 THE WITNESS: Well, I could --

9 MR. DiBONA: Q. In this context I don't feel  
10 comfortable doing that.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. So what I will say, though, is I'm happy to give  
13 you the time to piece through the report. If you need  
14 to do that either on or off the record, that's perfectly  
15 fine.

16 A. Well, let's just keep going, just in the  
17 interest of time. I will share with you one piece only  
18 of several acts of retaliation, but the one that comes  
19 to mind first for me is when he sent a certain letter.

20 Q. Okay. And what about him sending the letter do  
21 you believe was retaliatory?

22 A. Well, I think you are going to have to read the  
23 letter. It's in the letter. I'm not going to try to  
24 remember what was in the letter by memory.

25 Q. Ms. Yang, a copy of the letter wasn't provided

1 to you in the report, correct?

2 A. Right. But it was certainly referenced in the  
3 report, the contents.

4 Q. All right.

5 A. So if you want to find that.

6 Q. Yeah, there is more than one. So there is a  
7 reference. (Reading:) Sheriff Villanueva wrote a  
8 letter addressed to Supervisor Solis and cc'ed the Board  
9 of Supervisors or BOS and CEOP. Ms. Lim considered this  
10 letter to be harassment.

11 A. Uh-hum.

12 Q. (Reading:) The letter discussed Ms. Lim's  
13 social media posts and calls for an opening of an  
14 investigation of her social media accounts. Ms. Lim  
15 believed the request was unjustified.

16 First off, did I read that correctly?

17 A. That appears to be the paragraph, yes.

18 Q. If I go down, there is another reference to the  
19 letter. Do you see here there is a letter requesting  
20 discipline of Ms. Lim for social media commentary, do  
21 you see that?

22 A. Right. And I also believe there is information  
23 where he was trying to get her terminated. I remember  
24 something along those lines in the report. Again, I  
25 have to refer you to the report.

1           A. I believed it to be true in the context of the  
2 totality of the investigation, true.

3           Q. Do you recall any evidence that Ms. Lim had that  
4 says she was targeted because she was Asian?

5           A. Yes, I do.

6           Q. What was that?

7           A. The other evidence was there was some other  
8 county executive that was also targeted, and so it  
9 wasn't just Miss Lim by herself. That's what I recall.

10          Q. Yeah, the county executive was a criminal  
11 investigation was opened against her, correct?

12          A. It's whatever the report says about it.

13          Q. One moment. Pull that up here. One moment.  
14 Sorry. I am going to put this back on.

15           All right. Do you see here under History of  
16 Intimidation of Women of Color?

17          A. Right.

18          Q. There is a reference: He also harassed the  
19 former -- former County CEO, excuse me, who was also a  
20 minority woman. Did I read that correctly?

21          A. Yes. In fact, I'm so glad you pointed out this  
22 paragraph, because I think this is the answer to your  
23 question, it comes right out of the board itself is this  
24 paragraph.

25          Q. So just to be clear, you believe that opening up

1 a criminal investigation is an act of harassment of an  
2 Asian woman?

3 MR. TOKORO: Hold on. Hold on. Misstates the  
4 record. In fact, what the sentence says, if you had  
5 read the whole thing, was that Mr. Villanueva opened up  
6 a criminal investigation to intimidate the former county  
7 CEO. It wasn't simply the fact of opening it, but it  
8 was to intimidate her. So if you are reading the  
9 entirety I just want to make sure the record is clear  
10 what it says.

11 You can answer.

12 THE WITNESS: Well, I don't have anything to add  
13 to this paragraph.

14 Like the report sets out there are numerous  
15 instances that belie the recommendation that the panel  
16 made that he's asking about, which is retaliation.

17 MR. DiBONA: Q. Yes. So my question is, is  
18 just to be clear, do you believe that opening up a  
19 criminal investigation was to intimidate the county CEO;  
20 is that fair?

21 A. No, that's not my response.

22 Q. Do you believe that opening up a criminal  
23 investigation purportedly to intimidate the county CEO  
24 is an act of harassment towards an Asian woman?

25 A. Okay. You are mixing questions. That wasn't

1 your question.

2 Q. Miss Yang, I understand, but can you answer the  
3 question I asked, please?

4 A. Okay. So this is another question?

5 Q. Yes. It's another question.

6 A. Would you please repeat it?

7 Q. Yes. Is opening a criminal investigation to  
8 intimidate the former county CEO an act of harassment  
9 toward an Asian woman?

10 A. I can't answer that.

11 Q. And just let the record reflect, Mr. Tokoro  
12 cannot answer for you. So you can look towards him all  
13 you want, but he can't answer for you. I will move on.

14 MR. TOKORO: Alex, I am not going to let you  
15 leave that record there, because you know that that's  
16 not fair. You asked her a question that she couldn't  
17 answer based upon how you asked it.

18 It an incomplete hypothetical, and for you to  
19 even attempt to create a false record like that is  
20 ridiculous.

21 I am not answering any questions for her. You  
22 know that's the case. I am sitting with her in the room  
23 here. You can see me just as much as she can see me.  
24 There is nothing beyond that.

25 MR. DIBONA: All right.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Prior to Alex Villanueva, had you recommended a  
3 do not rehire notation for individuals in the Sheriff's  
4 Department?

5 A. That, I don't recall.

6 MR. DiBONA: All right. I believe I am almost  
7 done. Could you please bear with me, just let me review  
8 new notes for about five minutes, and I will get you out  
9 of here very soon, if not by 2:00. Why don't we come  
10 back at 2:00?

11 MR. TOKORO: Agree.

12 (Recess taken from 1:52 p.m. to 2:03 p.m.)

13 MR. DiBONA: Q. Ms. Yang, do you understand you  
14 are still under oath?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Any reason you can't continue to give your best  
17 testimony?

18 A. No.

19 Q. As a general matter, sitting on panels at the  
20 CEOP, is it important to know one way or another if a  
21 witness is being truthful or not?

22 A. First of all, we don't deal with witnesses.

23 What we deal with, we read investigation reports, and we  
24 look at the findings in terms of what the investigator  
25 found, and we assess, you know, we assess what the

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2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )

3 I, WENDY L. GRAVES, CSR, hereby certify that the  
4 witness in the foregoing deposition named ROBERTA YANG  
5 was by me duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth,  
6 and nothing but the truth in the within-entitled cause;  
7 that said deposition was taken at the time and place  
8 therein stated; that the testimony of said witness was  
9 reported by me in shorthand writing and was thereafter  
10 transcribed by computer under my direction; that the  
11 foregoing is a full, complete, and true record of said  
12 testimony; and that the witness was given an opportunity  
13 to read and correct said deposition and to subscribe the  
14 same.

15 I further certify that I am not of counsel or  
16 attorney for any of the parties in the foregoing  
17 deposition or in any way interested in the outcome of  
18 the cause named in said caption.

19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
20 this 18th day of March, 2025.

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*Wendy Graves*

23

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON  
2 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2018 ON PAGE 263]  
3  
4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING. GOOD  
6 MORNING. GOOD MORNING. IT'S TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH. AND WE  
7 WELCOME EVERYONE TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS  
8 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL  
9 COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT AND LOOKING GOOD. AND THE  
10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
11 AND OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE'LL NOW  
12 BEGIN THE MEETING WITH THE INVOCATION, WHICH WILL BE LED THIS  
13 MORNING BY RABBI SUSAN GOLDBERG OF THE WILSHIRE BOULEVARD  
14 TEMPLE, LOS ANGELES, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND THAT WILL BE  
15 FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY  
16 BENJAMIN MONROY, THE FORMER SPECIALIST, UNITED STATES MARINE  
17 CORPS, NORTHRIDGE, IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. LET US BEGIN.  
18

19 **RABBI SUSAN GOLDBERG:** GOOD MORNING, I'M HONORED TO BE HERE AND  
20 TO GIVE A BLESSING ON THE WORK, THE IMPORTANT WORK, THAT EACH  
21 OF YOU DO TO SERVE EVERY PERSON IN THIS GREAT COUNTY OF LOS  
22 ANGELES. WE HAVE JUST CONCLUDED THE HOLIDAY OF HANUKKAH, OUR  
23 WINTER HOLIDAY, BUT I BRING A BLESSING FORGED FROM THE  
24 TEACHINGS OF THAT HOLIDAY. WE KNOW FROM THE LEARNING OF  
25 HANUKKAH THAT A SMALL GROUP CAN BATTLE AND OVERCOME GREAT



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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, COLLEAGUES. THIS IS HOW I'M  
2   ENVISIONING TODAY. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 52, WHICH IS  
3   THE TRUTH ACT COMMUNITY FORUM. AND WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE WHO  
4   HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, SO WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT  
5   EVERYONE'S TIME EQUALLY TO ONE MINUTE. AND AFTER WE FINISH  
6   ITEM 52, THEN WE'RE GOING TO GO TO ITEMS 59 AND 11 IN THAT  
7   ORDER IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH EVERYONE. SO NOW WE'LL START  
8   WITH ITEM NUMBER 52. THE TRUTH ACT REQUIRES THAT THE GOVERNING  
9   BOARD OF ANY COUNTY IN WHICH A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY  
10   HAS PROVIDED I.C.E. ACCESS TO AN INDIVIDUAL DURING THE LAST  
11   YEAR SHALL HOLD AT LEAST ONE COMMUNITY FORUM DURING THE  
12   FOLLOWING YEAR. AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE HERE THIS MORNING. THE  
13   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LOS ANGELES  
14   COUNTY, AND OUR BOARD MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC AND ACCESSIBLE. AND  
15   DURING THE MEETINGS, WE RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT. [APPLAUSE] SO,  
16   THE FIRST -- WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SHERIFF  
17   VILLANUEVA IS HERE WITH US AND PRESENT. AND I KNOW YOU WOULD  
18   LIKE TO START OFF WITH A FEW REMARKS. SO, WELCOME TO OUR NEW  
19   SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. [APPLAUSE]

20

21   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. MY TIME IS SHORT, BUT I  
22   DO WANT TO INFORM YOU THAT WE'VE GONE THROUGH. WE'VE HAD A  
23   TOUR OF THE JAIL ON WEDNESDAY AFTER I WAS SWORN IN. AND WE HAD  
24   A LONG ANALYSIS OF WHAT WE'RE DOING AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO  
25   COMPLY WITH THE TRUTH ACT, WITH S.B.54, AND MOVING FORWARD.



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1 WE'VE DEVELOPED A PRETTY SOUND POLICY THAT'S ACTUALLY GOING  
2 COMPLY WITH IT AND WITH MY PROMISE THAT I'VE MADE THROUGHOUT.  
3 AND TWO POINTS THAT I WANT TO LEAVE WITH YOU. ONE IS THAT WE  
4 ARE GOING TO PHYSICALLY REMOVE I.C.E. FROM THE COUNTY JAILS.  
5 [APPLAUSE] (SOME BOOING).

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET ME JUST STOP YOU, SHERIFF. SO, I KNOW WE  
8 HAVE A LOT OF FOLKS WHO HAVE COME DOWN HERE. AND OF COURSE WE  
9 DO GET PUBLIC COMMENT. EVERYBODY HAS A RIGHT TO SIGN IN ON ANY  
10 ITEM AND SPEAK. BUT WE WILL ASK THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM APPLAUSE  
11 OR BOOING. AND SOME LIKE TO, WHEN THEY AGREE WITH SOMETHING,  
12 RAISE THE ROOF OR DO THIS. AND YOU MAY EVEN DO THIS IF YOU  
13 DISAGREE WITH SOMETHING. BUT IT WILL MAKE THE MEETING GO A LOT  
14 MORE SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT, AND IT WILL GIVE RESPECT TO  
15 EVERYONE WHO HAS THE FLOOR WHEN THEY HAVE THE MICROPHONE. SO  
16 IF YOU WOULD ACCOMMODATE US WITH THAT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

17 SHERIFF, CONTINUE.

18

19 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** THANK YOU. AND THE SECOND ITEM IS THAT  
20 OUR, ACCORDING TO S.B.54, THE MISDEMEANOR LIST, WHICH IS  
21 ROUGHLY 150 INDIVIDUAL MISDEMEANORS AND WOBBLERS, FELONY  
22 MISDEMEANORS. BUT THE ONES THAT ARE FILED AS MISDEMEANOR,  
23 WE'RE GOING PARE THAT LIST DOWN SUBSTANTIALLY FROM ITS PRESENT  
24 STATE IN KEEPING WITH ANOTHER PROMISE. SO BOTH REMOVING I.C.E.  
25 FROM THE JAILS AND PARING DOWN THE LIST AND HONORING THE



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1 SPIRIT AND THE LETTER OF S.B.54, THAT IS OUR INTENTION. AND  
2 I'M GOING LEAVE COMMANDER MOREJON AND ASSISTANT SHERIFF BOB  
3 OLMSTEAD WITH ALL THE DETAILS.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF. AND NOW, BEFORE WE TURN  
6 TO THE PUBLIC THAT HAS SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM, WE'RE GOING TO  
7 HAVE A PRESENTATION FROM SHADI KARDAN. AND FROM THE OFFICE OF  
8 INSP -- (PEOPLE YELLING FROM THE AUDIENCE). OKAY. AGAIN, WE'RE  
9 GOING GIVE YOU A WARNING. WE DON'T REALLY APPRECIATE SHOUTS  
10 FROM THE AUDIENCE. AND YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS MEETING  
11 IF YOU DISTRACT FROM OUR MEETING. SO, PLEASE, NO SHOUTING FROM  
12 THE AUDIENCE. SHADI KARDAN FROM THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR  
13 GENERAL, WHO WILL PROVIDE US SOME BACKGROUND. AND HER  
14 PRESENTATION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PRESENTATION FROM THE  
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND AT THE END OF THESE TWO  
16 PRESENTATIONS, WE WILL CALL -- MY COLLEAGUES WILL BE ASKED IF  
17 YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASK QUESTIONS OR SAY SOMETHING. AND THEN  
18 WE'LL OPEN IT UP TO THE PUBLIC. SHADI, WELCOME.

19

20 **SHADI KARDAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. SO  
21 THE TRUTH ACT, WHICH IS ASSEMBLY BILL NUMBER 2792, SO WHAT IS  
22 THE TRUTH ACT? THE TRUTH ACT ACTUALLY STANDS FOR THE  
23 TRANSPARENT REVIEW OF UNJUST TRANSFERS AND HOLDS. WHAT IT IS  
24 ESSENTIALLY, IT'S A LAW THAT REQUIRES LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO  
25 BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT THEIR COOPERATION WITH I.C.E. AND TO



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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO, THOSE ARE IT, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NOW IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE MY  
5 COLLEAGUES TO SAY A FEW THINGS, OR IF WE WANT TO HAVE THE  
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RESPOND TO ANY OF THE ISSUES THAT SOME OF  
7 OUR PUBLIC BROUGHT UP THAT MIGHT NEED AN ANSWER. OKAY.  
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I DO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS,  
11 PARTLY BROUGHT UP BY THE PUBLIC KIND OF ON BOTH SIDES, AND,  
12 REALLY, THINGS THAT I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND YET AND MAYBE  
13 THERE ARE NOT ANSWERS YET BECAUSE WE'VE JUST GONE THROUGH A  
14 CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP. AND SOME CHANGES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED. SO  
15 I GUESS MY FIRST QUESTION IS, IS THERE A TIMELINE FOR  
16 IMPLEMENTING THE CHANGES LIKE THE NEW NOTIFICATION FORMS FOR  
17 THE TRUTH ACT AND THE UPDATED MISDEMEANOR LIST FOR S.B.54 THAT  
18 THE SHERIFF REFERRED TO. LET'S GIVE A MICROPHONE TO THIS  
19 TABLE, PLEASE.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** AM I ON? THE SHERIFF HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL BE  
22 IMPLEMENTED BY THE BEGINNING OF 2019.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, SO AFTER THE NEXT  
25 COUPLE WEEKS. I'M INFORMED THAT THERE'S A NEW FLYER GIVEN TO



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1 MIGHT HURT THE COMMUNITY AND MIGHT HURT I.C.E. I MEAN IT'S A  
2 COMBINATION OF BALANCE AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU -- THAT THE SHERIFF WOULD  
5 ENLIST OUTSIDE STAKEHOLDER INPUT ON SOME OF THAT. I KNOW THAT  
6 HE HAS MADE IT AN EFFORT, AND HE'S TALKED ABOUT ABOUT IT IN  
7 HIS CAMPAIGN ABOUT SOLICITING SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY. SO I  
8 THINK IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR SOME OF THE GROUPS THAT HAVE  
9 COME HERE AND TESTIFIED TO BE ABLE TO REACH OUT TO THEM AS A  
10 RECOMMENDATION TO DO THAT. AND THEN I JUST HAVE A OTHER SERIES  
11 OF QUESTIONS, AS WELL. COOPERATING WITH OTHER TASK FORCE  
12 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE DEALING WITH, I COULD THINK ABOUT ARMS  
13 AND WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE, WHEN THERE ARE STRIKE TEAMS THAT GO  
14 OUT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. ALONGSIDE THOSE TASK FORCE, SHERIFF'S  
15 DEPUTIES ARE OFTEN CALLED THERE BECAUSE IF THEY'RE GOING IN,  
16 AND THEY MAY BE LOOKING AT A SUSPECT THAT HAS A CRIMINAL  
17 RECORD, AND I'M ASSUMING THAT SOMETIMES THAT SHERIFF MAY NOT  
18 BE AWARE THAT THERE MAY BE OTHER PEOPLE IN THE SAME LOCATION,  
19 IN AN APARTMENT, FOR AN EXAMPLE, WHERE OTHER UNINTENDED  
20 INDIVIDUALS MAY BE PICKED UP. AND THAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE  
21 PAST. HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO DEAL WITH THAT?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THE PATROL SIDE, AS I SAID, WE, AS THE  
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, DO NOT ENFORCE ANY OF THE CIVIL  
25 IMMIGRATION MATTERS IN PATROL. I UNDERSTAND WE ARE -- WE HAVE



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1 TASK FORCES WITH I.C.E. AGENTS AND OTHER AGENCIES. BUT OUR  
2 GOAL IS NOT -- IS ONLY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, NOT CIVIL  
3 IMMIGRATION ACTIVITY. CAN IT HAPPEN? OF COURSE. BUT WE WOULD  
4 NOT BE INVOLVED IN THAT. THAT WOULD BE STRICTLY UP TO I.C.E.  
5 AND WHAT THEY DO WITH THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** WILL THERE BE ANY TRAINING PROVIDED TO YOUR  
8 DEPUTIES AND OFFICERS WITH THAT, WITH RESPECT TO THAT ISSUE?  
9 BECAUSE THAT HAS HAPPENED AS RECENTLY AS LAST -- A FEW MONTHS  
10 AGO. AND WE HEAR ABOUT IT IN THE NEWSPAPER AND THE MEDIA WHERE  
11 INDIVIDUALS WHO JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE SAME LOCATION ARE  
12 PICKED UP, AND WE HAVE THE DISPLAY IS OBVIOUSLY I.C.E., BUT WE  
13 ALSO HAVE SHERIFF DEPUTIES IN SIGHT. SO I'M JUST WONDERING  
14 WHAT PROACTIVE STEPS WILL THIS SHERIFF TAKE TO HELP ENSURE  
15 THAT, THAT THERE'S TRAINING THAT GOES ON?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THERE IS TRAINING. AND I BELIEVE ABOUT A YEAR AGO, WE  
18 -- THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF, THEN ASSISTANT SHERIFF RIVERA MADE A  
19 VIDEOTAPE THAT WAS SENT THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT TO ALL  
20 DEPARTMENT MEMBERS ABOUT OUR POLICIES, SPECIFICALLY OUR PATROL  
21 POLICIES AND OUR TASK FORCE POLICIES. AND I BELIEVE IT WAS  
22 PART OF THE PRESENTATION THAT I PUT UP THERE, OUR POLICIES ON  
23 THAT. SO, YEAH, WE DO CONTINUE TO TRAIN OUR DEPUTIES.

24



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1 DEFENDER, AS WELL AS OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS. I DON'T KNOW  
2 NECESSARILY THAT WE NEED A BUDGET REQUEST AT THIS POINT IN  
3 TIME. BUT AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO SIT AND TALK TO THE SHERIFF'S  
4 DEPARTMENT IN TERMS OF WHAT THEIR NEED IS.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I STILL HAVE A FEW MORE  
7 QUESTIONS. ONE IS DEALING WITH A STATEMENT THAT THE SHERIFF  
8 MADE EARLIER ABOUT REDUCING THE 150 MISDEMEANOR CHARGES,  
9 LOOKING AT THAT LIST AND COMING UP WITH A SHORTER LIST. CAN  
10 YOU TELL ME OR GIVE ME AN IDEA WHAT THAT PROCESS WILL LOOK  
11 LIKE AND WHAT THE TIME, AGAIN, THE TIMELINE IS FOR THAT PLAN.  
12 AND WILL YOU INVOLVE OUTSIDE STAKEHOLDERS?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT. I THINK TIMELINE'S GOING TO PROBABLY REMAIN  
15 THE SAME. WE HAVE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THAT. AND WE SPOKE  
16 ABOUT GETTING A WORKING GROUP TOGETHER, MAYBE WITH THE PUBLIC  
17 DEFENDER'S OFFICE, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, AND DIFFERENT GROUPS TO  
18 LOOK AT THE LIST AND SEE WHAT TYPES OF CRIMES, IF ANY, WILL BE  
19 REMOVED FROM THE MISDEMEANOR LIST. I'M SORRY?

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** 30 DAYS OR SO?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, WE'RE STILL TRYING TO GET THIS ALL DONE BY THE  
24 END OF JANUARY. IT'S ALL INCLUDED.

25



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1   **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. S.B.54, YEAH. WE'RE STILL GOING TO CONTINUE  
 2   WHAT WE'RE CONTINUING NOW AS FAR AS OUR LIST AND WHO  
 3   QUALIFIES. THAT'S ALL DICTATED BY THE VALUES ACT, WHICH IS  
 4   ESSENTIALLY S.B.54.

5

6   **SUP. BARGER:** THEN WALK ME THROUGH THAT. IF I'M IN YOUR JAIL,  
 7   AND I CHECK THE BOX THAT I DO NOT WANT TO BE INTERVIEWED,  
 8   OKAY, AND I'M THE D.O.J., I'M ALREADY IN THE SYSTEM. SO THE  
 9   D.O.J. KNOWS THAT I'M THERE. AND I'M UNDOCUMENTED. WALK ME  
 10   THROUGH WHAT THE NEXT, HOW THIS PLAYS OUT UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM  
 11   THAT THE SHERIFF'S PROPOSING. AND I'M GETTING READY TO BE  
 12   RELEASED.

13

14   **SPEAKER:** RIGHT. SO AN INMATE IS GETTING RELEASED. AND WHAT  
 15   NEEDS TO BE, I GUESS, PUT OUT IS THAT NOT EVERY INMATE I.C.E.  
 16   INTERVIEWS. SO THERE'S VERY FEW INMATES. I BELIEVE LIKE LAST  
 17   YEAR, WE HAD IN THE 20S OR IN THE TEENS THAT THEY ACTUALLY  
 18   ASKED TO INTERVIEW. THE ONES THEY ASKED TO BE INTERVIEWED ARE  
 19   INDIVIDUALS THAT THEY'RE NOT SURE IF THEY'RE GOING TO DETAIN  
 20   OR TAKE CUSTODY OF. SO THE ONES THEY KNOW THEY HAVE A  
 21   DETAINER, THEY'RE HERE ILLEGALLY, THEY DON'T INTERVIEW.  
 22   THEY'RE JUST GOING. SO IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER THE INMATE  
 23   SAYS THEY WANT TO SPEAK TO THEM OR NOT, THAT'S JUST PART OF  
 24   OUR FORM BECAUSE WE HAVE TO GIVE THEM THAT. BUT EVERY  
 25   INDIVIDUAL GETS THAT FORM.



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1 IT TO GO. AS I SAY, WE WERE ABLE TO WORK SOMETHING OUT IN THE  
2 JAILS, BUT JUVENILES HAVE A HEIGHTENED PROTECTION. AND WE'RE  
3 NOT GOING TO JUST FOLLOW THE LAW. I'M GOING TO FOLLOW WHATEVER  
4 RICARDO THINKS IS A GOOD IDEA AND MAKE SURE WE WORK TOGETHER.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** RIGHT. BECAUSE HE ALSO CAN'T WAIVE THEIR RIGHTS,  
7 IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. AND HE KNOWS THAT WELL. BUT I THINK I  
8 WANT US TO ABSOLUTELY, YOU KNOW, PAY ATTENTION BECAUSE IT'S  
9 IMPORTANT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO FEEL SAFE, TO BE ABLE TO SAY  
10 WHAT HAPPENED, SAFE FROM PUNISHMENT AND PROBATION, SAFE FROM,  
11 YOU KNOW, WHATEVER. AND THE THEORY IN THE LAW IS THAT YOUNG  
12 PEOPLE ARE MORE VULNERABLE TO SUGGESTION, TO THREAT, TO POWER,  
13 WHICH THEY ARE, AND THAT'S WHY THERE ARE HEIGHTENED  
14 PROTECTIONS. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE -- I'M INTERESTED  
15 IN GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF ALL THIS, TOO, THERE'S NO  
16 QUESTION. BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE JUST SENSITIVE  
17 TO THEIR HEIGHTENED LEVEL OF RIGHTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
22 THOMAS AND YOURSELF, MADAM CHAIR, FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE  
23 FORWARD. AND I, TOO, WAS SURPRISED TO READ IN THE NEWSPAPER  
24 REGARDING THIS INCIDENT. SO I DO THINK THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE  
25 BETTER COMMUNICATION AS WE DO WITH THE SHERIFF OR THE JAILS



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1 WHEN THERE IS INCIDENTS THAT OCCUR AND FOLKS IN OUR CARE, IN  
2 PARTICULAR, WE SHOULD KNOW RIGHT AWAY WHEN THINGS OF THIS  
3 NATURE OCCUR. I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR WHAT HAPPENED. I  
4 WON'T GO INTO THAT. BUT I WILL TELL YOU THAT, FOR SOMEONE  
5 WHO'S BEEN ON THE BOARD NOW FOR FOUR YEARS ADVOCATING FOR THE  
6 HOPE CENTERS, FOR ELIMINATION OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, WHAT  
7 I'M FINDING IS THAT THERE STILL SEEMS TO BE SOME RESISTANCE ON  
8 THE PART OF STAFF IN TERMS OF WANTING TO MAKE THESE OVERALL  
9 CHANGES THAT YOU ALL HAVE BEEN PROVIDING THROUGH TRAINING AND  
10 EDUCATION. AND I'M FRUSTRATED BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO SEE WHERE WE  
11 CAN IMPROVE UPON THAT. AND IT ISN'T JUST ABOUT TRAINING, IT'S  
12 ABOUT ALSO THE MINDSET OF ALL THE STAFF. SO IT ISN'T JUST THE  
13 PROBATION OFFICERS, BUT IT'S THE ENTIRE WORKFORCE THAT'S THERE  
14 IN PLACE. I THINK EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY HERE. THEY  
15 OBVIOUSLY HAVE ACCESS TO THESE YOUNGSTERS WHILE THEY'RE THERE  
16 IN OUR CARE. AND A LOT GOES ON. AND I AM, AS YOU KNOW, AS I'VE  
17 EXPRESSED TO YOU, SHEILA, HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR US TO  
18 MAINTAIN RESPECT FOR THESE YOUNGSTERS AND HOPEFULLY GET OUR  
19 EMPLOYEES, OUR STAFF, TO UNDERSTAND THE KINDS OF CHANGES THAT  
20 WE'RE MAKING BECAUSE THE CASELOADS HAVE DIMINISHED. THEY HAVE.  
21 BUT WE DO HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE A LITTLE BIT CHALLENGING.  
22 AND MAYBE MORE THAN JUST A LITTLE BIT. AND THAT REQUIRES  
23 PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE. AND MAYBE WE NEED TO HAVE SOME MENTAL  
24 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS OR A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT THAT MEANS IN  
25 TERMS OF PROVIDING THAT KIND OF SUPPORT TO THESE YOUNG

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON  
2 TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019 ON PAGE 150]  
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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.  
6 GOOD MORNING. IF YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE A SEAT, WE'RE GOING TO GET  
7 THE BOARD MEETING STARTED. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY  
8 SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 29TH. WE TAKE NOTE THAT  
10 THERE ARE THREE SUPERVISORS PRESENT. SUPERVISOR HAHN AND  
11 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL NOT BE HERE TODAY. WE ALSO NOTE  
12 THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, AND  
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND OUR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE HERE TO  
14 ASSIST. WE WILL NOW BEGIN WITH THE INVOCATION, LED BY REVEREND  
15 SANDY LIDDELL FROM THE MALIBU UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN  
16 MALIBU, IN THE THIRD DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF  
17 ALLEGIANCE BY MARNISHA MINTLOW, FORMER LANCE CORPORAL, UNITED  
18 STATES MARINE CORPS IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS IN THE SECOND  
19 DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

20  
21 **REV. SANDY LIDDELL:** PLEASE BE WITH ME IN A SPIRIT OF PRAYER. O  
22 HOLY ONE, WE ARE GRATEFUL WITH YOUR PRESENCE WITH US ALWAYS,  
23 ESPECIALLY HERE TODAY IN THIS PLACE, AS WE COME TOGETHER TO  
24 CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE ARE MINDFUL OF THE  
25 DIVERSITY OF OUR CONSTITUENTS, DEVELOPERS, REAL-ESTATE



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1 SALESPEOPLE, RESTAURATEURS, UNION MEMBERS, AND, OF COURSE,  
2 THOSE THAT HAVE NO VOICE: THE HUNGRY, THE HOMELESS, THE  
3 POWERLESS, PEOPLE WHO NEED OUR SPECIAL ATTENTION AND HELP. O  
4 COMPASSIONATE ONE, HELP US TO REMEMBER THEIR VERY LIVES MAY  
5 DEPEND ON OUR DOING OUR JOBS WITH COMPASSIONATE HEARTS AND  
6 BRAVE DECISIONS. HELP US TO BE WISE AND STRONG AND GENEROUS  
7 AND TENDERHEARTED, SO THAT WE MAY SEE EACH PERSON THAT WE  
8 REPRESENT AS OUR SISTER OR OUR BROTHER, YOUR CHILDREN ALL.  
9 AMEN.

10

11 **MARNISHA E. MINTLOW:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR HAND  
12 OVER YOUR HEART-- YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. AND IF YOU  
13 ARE A VETERAN, YOU MAY RENDER A SALUTE. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE  
14 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.] THANK  
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. NOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
18 WILL PRESENT.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** IN 2012, THE REVEREND SANDY LIDDELL JOINED THE  
21 MALIBU UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, WHERE SHE'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE  
22 LEADER, ADVOCATE, AND PARTNER IN OUR FIGHT TO TRY TO END  
23 HOMELESSNESS. SANDY GREW UP AT THE OTHER END OF THE THIRD  
24 DISTRICT, IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AND WAS IN THE FIRST  
25 GRADUATING CLASS TO GO ALL THE WAY THROUGH CHATSWORTH HIGH



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1 TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 38-C. AND HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO THIS,

2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL? WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WOULD, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AND THEN WE HAVE SHERIFF

7 VILLANUEVA IS HERE, AS WELL.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** I SEE THE SHERIFF IS HERE, AND OTHERS. WELL, I  
10 ASKED-- FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR  
11 THIS WITH YOU. I THINK THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF  
12 CONCERNS RAISED ABOUT THE ACTIONS OF THE SHERIFF. AND INSTEAD  
13 OF SPEAKING ABOUT YOU IN THE THIRD PERSON, IF I MAY, I'LL JUST  
14 SAY ABOUT YOUR ACTIONS, SHERIFF, IN TERMS OF SPECIFICALLY, AS  
15 PRETTY WELL DOCUMENTED IN THE NEWSPAPERS AND IN THE EDITORIAL  
16 THIS MORNING IN THE L.A. TIMES, THE REINSTATEMENT OF A  
17 PARTICULAR DEPUTY ABOUT WHICH YOU'VE BEEN QUESTIONED, BUT IT'S  
18 REALLY MORE THAN THAT. BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF  
19 ARENAS IN WHICH YOU'VE BEEN QUOTED ABOUT THE WAY YOU FEEL  
20 DEPUTIES WERE TREATED IN THE PAST, AND THAT INVESTIGATIONS  
21 ONGOING CONCERNING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ALLEGATIONS AGAINST  
22 DEPUTIES, OR PERHAPS A SECOND DRIVING-UNDER-THE-INFLUENCE  
23 CHARGE WILL NOT BE COUNTED BECAUSE THEY DON'T REALLY RELATE TO  
24 A DEPUTY'S PERFORMANCE; THE FACT THAT THERE ARE, I BELIEVE, 10  
25 WOMEN IN THE DEPARTMENT WHO ARE MEMBERS OF OR ON THE BOARD OF



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1 THE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN EXECUTIVES IN CORRECTIONS, WHO HAVE  
2 INDICATED THEY ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT THEY CAN SERVE ANY LONGER  
3 ON THE BOARD, THAT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD THAT THEY CAN. I  
4 THINK THAT'S FAIR, BUT WE WOULD WONDER ABOUT THAT. BUT THE  
5 LARGER QUESTION REALLY IS THE PUBLIC TRUST, THE TRUST OF THIS  
6 BOARD. AND PERHAPS IT WOULD ALSO BE GOOD FOR YOU TO TAKE INTO  
7 ACCOUNT THE TRUST OF OUR CONTRACT CITIES, BECAUSE THERE ARE  
8 SEVERAL LARGE AREAS, AS YOU KNOW, ON WHICH WE COUNT ON THE  
9 SHERIFF TO BE THERE FOR US, IN THE JAILS, TO PROVIDE CUSTODY,  
10 CONTROL, BUT ALSO CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE FORCED TO BE THERE.  
11 IN THE PAST, AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S BEEN SUIT AFTER SUIT AFTER  
12 SUIT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BECAME INVOLVED, REALLY ALL  
13 RELATING TO THE WAY IN WHICH OUR INMATES WERE TREATED,  
14 INCLUDING EXCESSIVE FORCE. DEPUTIES, WE FELT THERE WAS A  
15 CHANGE RECENTLY, THROUGH THE ACTIONS OF THE PAST SHERIFF, THAT  
16 MORE ATTENTION WOULD BE PAID TO THE ACTIONS OF DEPUTIES WHO  
17 WERE FOUND TO HAVE USED EXCESSIVE FORCE. SEVERAL OF THEM WERE  
18 INVESTIGATED AND RECEIVED PUNISHMENT, INCLUDING, IN SOME  
19 CASES, BEING TERMINATED. SOME OF THOSE CASES WENT TO THE CIVIL  
20 SERVICE COMMISSION. THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION WE HAVE BEEN  
21 CONCERNED IN THE PAST WERE, IN OUR OPINION IN THE PAST,  
22 SOMEWHAT LENIENT ABOUT-- ESPECIALLY ABOUT OFFICERS IN YOUR  
23 DEPARTMENT BEFORE YOU WERE THERE. AND SO THE FACT THAT A  
24 TERMINATION WAS UPHELD AFTER A HEARING IS A VERY IMPORTANT  
25 POINT TO US. IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY SAFETY, WE LOOK TO THE



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1   YEARS OF STRIP-SEARCHES OF WOMEN CONDUCTED IN A WAY THAT WHEN  
2   WE READ THE DESCRIPTION OF IT, WE WERE HORRIFIED. SO I WANTED  
3   TO BRING THIS UNPRECEDENTED MOTION WITH OUR CHAIR PRO TEM, IN  
4   ORDER TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN, AND HOPEFULLY TO HAVE A  
5   DIALOGUE WITH YOU IN PUBLIC ABOUT THIS. I KNOW THAT THE  
6   COMMENTS THAT YOU MADE AT THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
7   WERE PUBLIC, AS WELL, AND I'M QUITE AWARE OF THEM, AND WAS  
8   CONCERNED ABOUT THEM, AS WELL. AND THE OTHER PART OF THE  
9   MOTION THAT ASKS COUNTY COUNSEL ABOUT OUR AUTHORITY AS A  
10   BOARD, I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING TO CLARIFY FOR BOTH OF US,  
11   BECAUSE EVERY EMPLOYEE OF L.A. COUNTY IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THIS  
12   BOARD. AND IT IS NOT THE CASE THAT ANY DEPARTMENT HEAD, IN MY  
13   OPINION, INCLUDING THE SHERIFF, THOUGH YOU'RE INDEPENDENTLY  
14   ELECTED, CAN SIMPLY DO ANYTHING THEY WANT AFTER THERE'S BEEN A  
15   FINDING BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION THAT UPHOLDS A  
16   TERMINATION, FOR INSTANCE. IN ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, THEY WOULD  
17   HAVE TO GO TO COURT IN ORDER TO HAVE THAT OVERTURNED. SO I  
18   REALLY WANT US TO BE ABLE TO CLARIFY THAT, BECAUSE NONE OF US  
19   IS SO INDEPENDENT THAT WE CAN DO ANYTHING WE DAMN WELL PLEASE  
20   IN OUR PLACE, IN OUR DEPARTMENT, OR ON OUR BOARD. SO WITH  
21   THAT, MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO OPEN ON THIS.  
22   IT MAY SEEM UNDULY HARSH, BUT, YOU KNOW, WHEN I'M CONCERNED,  
23   I'M CONCERNED. AND WHEN YOU START SOMETHING CALLED THE WOMEN  
24   AND GIRLS INITIATIVE IN THE COUNTY, I HAVE TO SAY I'M  
25   CONCERNED. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2     **ATTORNEY:** SUPERVISOR, IT DOES NOT. IF THE INDIVIDUAL DEPUTY  
3     WANTED TO WAIVE THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, THEY COULD DO SO.

4

5     **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW ALL THE  
6     FACTS. AND I GUESS MY QUESTION TO YOU, SHERIFF, IS, IS THE  
7     SUBJECT DEPUTY WILLING TO WAIVE HIS RIGHT TO PRIVACY AND  
8     RELEASE HIS PERSONNEL RECORDS, GIVEN THAT HE BELIEVES THE  
9     FACTS DO NOT SET FORTH LEGITIMATE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION,  
10    WHICH YOU AGREE WITH?

11

12    **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** THE SUBJECT IS WILLING TO WAIVE HIS  
13    RIGHTS.

14

15    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY, THAT IS SIGNIFICANT, BECAUSE  
16    I THINK MY FRUSTRATION IS, WHEN I GET ASKED BY THE PRESS, I  
17    CANNOT RELEASE THAT. AND I DO RESPECT PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO  
18    PRIVACY, INCLUDING THE VICTIM IN THIS CASE, WHO WAS ALSO  
19    WEARING A BADGE, WAS ALSO PART OF L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
20    DEPARTMENT, WAS ALSO PART OF YOUR FAMILY. SO I'M  
21    HYPERSENSITIVE TO THAT. THE SECOND PART OF THE MOTION, ASKING  
22    FOR A CLARIFICATION, I THINK IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE FROM WHAT I  
23    UNDERSTAND-- AND RUMORS ARE EVERYWHERE. I HEAR THIS, THAT  
24    THERE ARE GOING TO BE MORE RE-HIRINGS. AND I THINK IT'S  
25    IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR ROLE IS, AS IT RELATES



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1 TO THE CONFLICT. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL BROUGHT UP THE CONTRACT  
2 CITIES. ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES CONTRACT CITIES HAVE-- AND  
3 I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD IT-- IS OVERLIABILITY. AND THEY'VE GOT A  
4 LIABILITY FUND OF WHICH THEY'VE PUT A LOT OF MONEY INTO IT.  
5 AND ONE OF THE THINGS THEY FOUND IS THAT IF THERE IS A NEXUS  
6 BETWEEN SOMETHING THAT THIS COUNTY OR THE SHERIFF, KNOWINGLY,  
7 DEPUTY HAS DONE, AND HE OR SHE IS, LET'S SAY, WITH A D.U.I.  
8 AND THEY'RE IN A CAR ACCIDENT, THE CITY IS HELD LIABLE. SO  
9 THERE IS A HYPERSENSITIVITY TO THE WHOLE ISSUE OF LIABILITY,  
10 AS IT RELATES TO CONTRACT CITIES. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I HAD,  
11 AND I'M TRYING TO GET A CLARIFICATION ON THIS, IS I READ AN  
12 ARTICLE-- AND IT'S JUST THAT, SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAID IT--  
13 THAT COUNTY COUNSEL WAS INVOLVED WITH THIS ACTION THAT YOU  
14 TOOK. WAS COUNTY COUNSEL INVOLVED IN THE ACTION TO BRING BACK  
15 THIS DEPUTY?

16

17 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** SUPERVISOR, COUNTY COUNSEL LEARNED OF THIS  
18 POTENTIAL REHIRING BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS, AND ADVISED THE  
19 DEPARTMENT NOT TO MOVE FORWARD UNTIL THERE WAS A FULL  
20 INVESTIGATION, AND UNTIL COUNTY COUNSEL WAS FURTHER CONSULTED.  
21 AND THAT LATTER CONSULTATION, IN MY UNDERSTANDING, DID NOT  
22 HAPPEN.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** BECAUSE, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, I  
25 CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH ARTICLE IT WAS, YOU MADE A COMMENT THAT



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1 YOU HAD CONSULTED WITH COUNTY COUNSEL ON THE HIRING. I AND I  
2 JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHICH COUNSEL YOU DID SEEK, IN TERMS OF  
3 GETTING THAT OKAY. BUT WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO LET YOU SAY  
4 YOUR... OKAY. YEAH, I'LL CALL ON SUPERVISOR KUEHL, BUT I JUST  
5 WANT TO SAY THAT FOR ME, THE MOTION SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. I'M NOT  
6 TRYING TO DO AN "I GOT YOU." BUT TO ME, ESPECIALLY THE  
7 COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE AT THE COMMISSION, ESPECIALLY WITH A  
8 BOARD OF A MAJORITY OF WOMEN, SIT BACK AND NOT CHALLENGE THOSE  
9 STATEMENTS. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES. I HAD A FURTHER QUESTION OF COUNTY COUNSEL,  
12 BASED ON SOMETHING YOU ASKED, BECAUSE THE SHERIFF SAID  
13 "SUBJECT WAS WILLING TO WAIVE HIS RIGHTS," I THINK HE SAID.  
14 HYPOTHETICALLY, IF A SUBJECT WAIVED HIS RIGHT TO PRIVACY ABOUT  
15 THE RECORD, WOULD THAT ALSO GIVE US ACCESS TO WHAT THE CIVIL  
16 SERVICE COMMISSION DID ITS HOLDING ON?

17

18 **ATTORNEY:** YES, IT WOULD, SUPERVISOR. THE WHOLE FILE.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** GOOD. AND WHAT ABOUT THE VIDEO THAT THEY WERE ABLE  
21 TO SEE, THAT WE, OF COURSE, DON'T?

22

23 **ATTORNEY:** IF THE VIDEO IS IN THE FILE, AND I BELIEVE IT IS,  
24 THEN YES, THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE, AS WELL.

25



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1   **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. BECAUSE I BELIEVE, SHERIFF, THAT YOU HAD  
2   INDICATED ANYBODY WHO LIED, YOU WOULD NOT RETAIN. SO IF IT  
3   CAME TO LIGHT, HYPOTHETICALLY, THAT THERE WAS A RECORD IN  
4   WHICH LYING WAS A PART OF THE REASON, I'M ASSUMING THAT WOULD  
5   GIVE YOU SOME REASON TO RETHINK IT, FROM WHAT YOU HAD SAID.  
6   BUT THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR BEING SO  
7   PATIENT.

8

9   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING  
10 HERE TODAY. YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO. THIS WAS A REPORT-BACK, AND  
11 WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW YOU TO DO THAT. SO I APPRECIATE YOU  
12 COMING HERE AND HAVING A FACE-TO-FACE ON THIS. SO WITH THAT--

13

14   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WELL, IN LIGHT OF THE... LET'S JUST SAY  
15 THE MISREPRESENTATION OF MY COMMENTS TO THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT  
16 COMMISSION, AND HOW IT WAS PLAYED OUT IN THE PRESS, AND  
17 SUBSEQUENTLY THIS BOARD FED ON THAT, LET ME GIVE YOU A QUOTE  
18 THAT YOU CAN QUOTE ME. THE PRESUMPTION OF VULNERABILITY IS NOT  
19 A LAWFUL SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE. AND THAT  
20 IS A FOUNDATION OF EVERY ACTION WE'RE TAKING. OF COURSE WE  
21 TREAT EVERY SINGLE ALLEGATION, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, WITH SERIOUS  
22 CONSIDERATION. WE TAKE THE ALLEGATIONS AT FACE VALUE. WE HAVE  
23 TO INDEPENDENTLY ESTABLISH THE FACTS OF THE CASE, IN ORDER TO  
24 BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD, BOTH IN THE CRIMINAL SENSE AND IN THE  
25 ADMINISTRATIVE SENSE. AND UPON REVIEW OF THIS CASE IN



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1 PARTICULAR-- AND OF COURSE I'M NOT RELEASING ANY INFORMATION,  
2 THE PARTICULARS OF IT-- I WILL JUST SAY THAT IT FAILED ON SO  
3 MANY DIFFERENT LEVELS THAT IT NEVER SHOULD HAVE LEFT THE  
4 DEPARTMENT. AND AS I SAID IN THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, EVEN ON  
5 THE STANDARD THAT WAS ARTIFICIALLY CREATED BY MY PREDECESSOR,  
6 IT DID NOT RISE TO THE LEVEL OF A DISCHARGE. IT WAS  
7 ARTIFICIALLY ELEVATED TO DISCHARGE AFTER THE FACT. AND ALL OF  
8 THIS, YOU WILL BE PRIVY TO IN CLOSED SESSION. AND ACTUALLY, I  
9 HAVE HALF A DOZEN CASES WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO DO A DOUBLE TAKE  
10 AND WONDER, WHAT ON EARTH WERE WE DOING? AND THAT IS THE WHOLE  
11 POINT OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION. WE HAVE TO OPERATE ON THE  
12 FACT-DRIVEN OBJECTIVE PROCESS IN EVERYTHING WE DO TO SUSTAIN  
13 ALLEGATIONS IN A CRIMINAL SENSE, WHEN WE'RE PURSUING CRIMINAL  
14 CASES, AND ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE, WE STILL HAVE TO HAVE  
15 THE SAME. THE LEVEL OF THE PROOF IS DIFFERENT, OBVIOUSLY:  
16 PROOF BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT. BUT A PREPONDERANCE OF  
17 EVIDENCE, WHICH IS A STANDARD FOR CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, IS  
18 STILL A STANDARD. PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE. AND HISTORICALLY,  
19 THE DEPARTMENT HAS ABUSED THAT STANDARD BY... AT THE ONSET OF  
20 INVESTIGATION, THEY DECIDED WHAT THE OUTCOME WAS, AND SO THEY  
21 IMPANELED THE INVESTIGATORS: "JUST FIND SOME FACTS YOU CAN  
22 COBBLE TOGETHER THAT SHOW THEY DID IT," AND THEY IGNORED THE  
23 MOUNTAIN OF THINGS THAT SHOWED THEY DIDN'T DO IT. THAT IS NOT  
24 JUSTICE. THAT'S A TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE. BUT WHAT WAS  
25 DISCONCERTING WAS TAKING THAT TO THE HEARING OFFICER, AND THE



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1 HEARING OFFICER REPEAT THE SAME THING. EVEN WHEN THE EVIDENCE  
2 IS PRESENTED TO THE HEARING OFFICER-- I'M SPEAKING IN GENERAL,  
3 THIS IS MORE THAN ONE CASE-- WHERE THE HEARING OFFICER HAS THE  
4 EVIDENCE, HAS THE EXONERATING EVIDENCE, AND HAS THE DEPARTMENT  
5 BASICALLY DIRTY CONCEALING EXONERATING EVIDENCE, AND THEY  
6 STILL PROCEED AND RULE AGAINST THE... I CALL IT THE APPELLANT.  
7 AND THAT IS OF GRAVE CONCERN, BECAUSE IT UNDERMINES THE  
8 INTEGRITY OF THE ENTIRE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM. AND UNDER OUR  
9 DEPARTMENT THAT I'M INHERITING, THE ENTIRE THING HAS BEEN  
10 UNDERMINED. THE CREDIBILITY, THE INVESTIGATIONS, IS NOT THERE  
11 WHERE IT SHOULD BE. BECAUSE WE NEED TO SUSTAIN DISCIPLINE  
12 AGAINST PEOPLE THAT EITHER ARE NOT PERFORMING UP TO STANDARD,  
13 OR THEIR PERFORMANCE IS SUCH THAT IT IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH  
14 BEING A PEACE OFFICER IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND THE  
15 HIGHER STANDARD OF BEING A DEPUTY SHERIFF IN LOS ANGELES  
16 COUNTY. BECAUSE WE WANT TO HOLD OUR EMPLOYEES TO THE HIGHEST  
17 STANDARD, BUT WE HAVE TO HAVE A STANDARD. WE CAN'T MAKE IT UP  
18 AS WE GO ALONG BECAUSE IT'S POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT TO HAVE A  
19 HIGH BODY-COUNT TO SHOW OFF TO THE PRESS, AND SAY "LOOK WHAT A  
20 REFORMER I AM." WHEN YOU INCREASE YOUR DISCHARGES SIX-FOLD--  
21 AND I'M SAYING SIX-FOLD PER YEAR-- THAT IS A PROBLEM, BECAUSE  
22 YOU HAVE TO MATCH IT WITH A SIX-FOLD INCREASE IN BEHAVIOR. IN  
23 A LARGE ORGANIZATION, YOU ALL KNOW VERY WELL BEHAVIOR DOESN'T  
24 CHANGE SIX-FOLD IN ANY CAPACITY, GOOD OR BAD. VERY LARGE  
25 ORGANIZATIONS, THEY JUST SLOWLY GO UP AND DOWN THROUGH THE



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1 PASSAGE OF TIME. SO IF YOU HAVE A JUMP OF A SIX-FOLD INCREASE  
2 IN DISCHARGE CASES, YOU BETTER HAVE SOME SOLID EVIDENCE TO  
3 SUPPORT THAT SIX-FOLD INCREASE. AND IF IT EXISTS, I'LL BE THE  
4 FIRST IN LINE TO MAKE SURE THAT PERSON IS PROPERLY  
5 INVESTIGATED, THE CASE IS PRESENTED. AND IF THE FACTS ARE THAT  
6 OF A DISCHARGE, IT GOES TO A HEARING OFFICER. AND I SURE HOPE  
7 THE HEARING OFFICER UPHOLDS IT BASED ON THE PREPONDERANCE OF  
8 EVIDENCE, THE STANDARD FOR CIVIL SERVICE. I DON'T EXPECT THEM  
9 TO WAIVE THE STANDARD BECAUSE OF SYMPATHY. NO. WE STILL HAVE  
10 TO OPERATE ON THE STANDARD. AND THE SAME THING WITH A CIVIL  
11 SERVICE COMMISSION. IF THE HEARING OFFICER SUSTAINS THE MOTION  
12 OF THE APPELLANT, THEN THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY VOTES  
13 AGAINST THEIR OWN HEARING OFFICER, I WANT TO KNOW WHY. THE  
14 FACTS ARE PRETTY LAID OUT IN BLACK AND WHITE. SO WHAT IS GOING  
15 ON? AND I KNOW THE TIMES TODAY PUT OUT A VERY NICE EDITORIAL  
16 ABOUT EITHER I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M DOING, OR THE BOARD-- THE  
17 COMMISSION HAS ISSUES. I CAN TELL YOU BEYOND A SHADOW OF A  
18 DOUBT, FROM THE INFORMATION I HAVE TO DATE, THERE ARE A LOT OF  
19 ISSUES. WE'VE INCENTIVIZED HEARING OFFICERS RULING IN FAVOR OF  
20 THE COUNTY, FINANCIALLY. AND THAT GOES TO THE HEART, OR THE  
21 CRUX, OF THIS MATTER. WE NEED TO HAVE A SOUND SYSTEM WHERE THE  
22 HEARING OFFICER IS A RELIABLE THIRD-PARTY TRYER OF FACT. AND  
23 THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IS SERVING THE SAME CAPACITY AS  
24 AN OVERSIGHT OVER WHAT THE HEARING OFFICER DOES. BUT THEY HAVE  
25 TO BE RELIABLE THIRD-PARTY TRYERS OF FACT. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN



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1 THE CASE GOES FROM THERE TO A WRIT OF MANDATE IN SUPERIOR  
2 COURT, THE PRICE STARTS GOING UP. IT STARTS CLIMBING UP.  
3 ULTIMATELY, WHEN THE TRUE THIRD-PARTY, NEUTRAL THIRD-PARTY,  
4 SEES ALL THE EVIDENCE AND REALIZES, "OH, YEAH, THIS IS A  
5 TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE," WE PAY DEARLY FOR THAT. AND THAT'S WHEN  
6 WE GET THE SEVEN-FIGURE SETTLEMENTS. AND THAT'S WHAT I'M  
7 TRYING TO AVOID. AND THIS IS LEGAL COST AVOIDANCE. WE'RE GOING  
8 TO WORK WITH THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. WE'RE GOING TO WORK  
9 WITH THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL TO MAKE SURE OUR POLICIES  
10 ARE SOUND. AND WE WANT TO HAVE THE OTHER PARTY TAKE A LOOK AT  
11 WHAT WE'RE DOING, AND TO PROVIDE THEIR INPUT IN THE PROCESS,  
12 SO IT IS A SOUND PROCESS MOVING FORWARD. BUT THERE'S A LOT OF  
13 INTERNAL DAMAGE TO THE ORGANIZATION THAT WE CANNOT DENY, AND  
14 THAT DAMAGE IS CONNECTED TO A LOT OF OTHER THINGS. IN OTHER  
15 WORDS, WHEN I HAVE A SYSTEM THAT IS COMPROMISED, MY EMPLOYEES  
16 ARE NO LONGER GOING TO RECRUIT THEIR OWN. THEY'RE GOING TO SIT  
17 ON THEIR HANDS, WHICH MEANS OUR VACANCIES START DRIVING  
18 UPWARDS, MY WORKERS' COMP CLAIMS START CLIMBING UPWARDS.  
19 PEOPLE ARE NOT HAPPY WITH WORK, THEY'LL FIND A WAY TO GET OUT  
20 OF WORK. AND THEN WE START SHRINKING, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT  
21 HAPPENED THE LAST FOUR YEARS. WE WERE SHRINKING, YEAR AFTER  
22 YEAR. WE'RE GETTING SMALLER WHEN WE NEED TO ACTUALLY GET  
23 BIGGER. IN ANTICIPATION OF OBVIOUSLY THE PROJECTED FUTURE  
24 GROWTH-- OLYMPICS AND ALL THOSE THINGS-- WE NEED TO GET BACK  
25 TO FULL STAFFING, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE TRAINING THAT WE



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1 NEED FOR THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION THAT WE'RE EXTREMELY  
2 SUBSTANDARD IN PROVIDING. ALL THESE THINGS DON'T HAPPEN IN A  
3 VACUUM, WHERE WE CAN JUST GO OFF ON A TANGENT AND ENGAGE IN A  
4 MASS FIRING SCHEME, AND SOMEHOW THAT'S GOING TO SOLVE  
5 SOMETHING, BECAUSE SOMEONE THINKS THAT WE'RE OUT OF CONTROL.  
6 NO. BY NO STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION. AND BEFORE I CAME HERE  
7 TODAY, I LISTENED TO A TAPE-RECORDING OF MY COMMENTS TO THE  
8 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, AND I STAND BY EVERY SINGLE WORD I SAID  
9 THERE. AND IF YOU GO BACK AND LISTEN TO WHAT I SAID, AND YOU  
10 LISTEN TO WHAT MY DEAR FRIENDS AT THE L.A. TIMES OR OTHER  
11 MEDIA OUTLETS REPORTED, YOU'RE GOING TO REALIZE YOU'RE GOING  
12 TO HAVE THE MOMENT OF "OOPS." I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.  
13 AND WE HAVE PROBLEMS. WE'RE GOING TO FIX THEM, BUT WE'RE NOT  
14 GOING TO FIX THEM BY BURYING OUR HEADS AND PRETENDING THAT  
15 EVERYTHING WAS OKAY IN THE PAST. SO IN THE CLOSED SESSION,  
16 THEN, I WILL DEFINITELY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY. WE'LL SHOW YOU  
17 JUST THESE SIX ONES THAT THEY'RE WORKING THEIR WAY THROUGH THE  
18 SYSTEM NOW, AND IT POINTS TO ACTUALLY A BIGGER PROBLEM THAN  
19 JUST THAT. FROM THE SMALL SAMPLE SIZE THAT I'VE REVIEWED SO  
20 FAR, I HAVE PRETTY SOLID EVIDENCE OF SOME INSTANCES OF PERJURY  
21 COMMITTED BY DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVES. AND THE QUESTION IS, DID  
22 THEY DECIDE TO DO THIS ON THEIR OWN, WHEN THEY WERE ON THE  
23 STAND, OR WAS THERE SOMEONE WHO SOLICITED THEM TO COMMIT AN  
24 ACT OF PERJURY? AND THAT BECOMES SUBORDINATION OF PERJURY, 127  
25 OF THE PENAL CODE. AND WE WILL MOVE AGGRESSIVELY TO VERIFY



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1 THESE CASES. AND WE HAVE THE EVIDENCE FOR IT, INCLUDING SOME  
2 UNNAMED THIRD PARTY WHO MAY BE THE ONE THAT'S SOLICITING THEM  
3 TO COMMIT THE ACTS OF PERJURY, IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN AN  
4 ARTIFICIALLY BAD INTERNAL INVESTIGATION. WE'LL PURSUE THAT,  
5 EITHER HERE, LOCALLY, OR THROUGH THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
6 OFFICE. BUT I'M DEAD SERIOUS THAT WE'RE GOING TO CLEAN HOUSE.  
7 WE'RE GOING TO CLEAN HOUSE THE RIGHT WAY, AND THAT'S BECAUSE  
8 OF THE RULE OF LAW, AND RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW.

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10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DID YOU WANT  
11 TO...?

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13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SHERIFF.  
14 I THINK THAT YOU AND I MAY HAVE SOME DEEP DISAGREEMENTS ON A  
15 NUMBER OF AREAS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING WHAT MIGHT  
16 BE CALLED A DIALOGUE, HOPEFULLY.

17

18 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** ALWAYS.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT'S PRETTY STANDARD WHEN PEOPLE ARE ASKED OR  
21 ACCUSED OF DOING SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE DON'T APPROVE OF TO TRY  
22 TO DEFLECT THE BLAME ONTO OTHERS, AND YOU'RE DEFLECTING BLAME  
23 TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. IT MAY SEEM LIKE THE RIGHT  
24 MOVE FOR YOU. BUT YOU MAY BE UNAWARE THAT WE DID ABOUT AN 18-  
25 MONTH-- ASKED FOR A REPORT-BACK ON A LONG HISTORY ABOUT THE



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1 PEOPLE RECRUITING. AND I DON'T MEAN THE GOOD GUYS OR THE BAD  
2 GUYS. I MEAN THE WHOLE THING ABOUT "WE WILL ASK OUR FRIENDS TO  
3 JOIN THE DEPARTMENT," AND THAT'S HOW PEOPLE GET INTO THE  
4 DEPARTMENT. WE WERE LOOKING AT THAT NOT BEING THE WAY WE  
5 WANTED TO GO, BUT TO CREATE A GREATER DIVERSITY. SO MY  
6 CONCERNS, REALLY, HAVE NOT BEEN ALLEVIATED. I'VE SPOKEN TO  
7 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WHO HEARD WHAT YOU SAID AND,  
8 FRANKLY, WERE APPALLED. TO SAY THAT STANDARDS WERE  
9 ARTIFICIALLY ELEVATED BY YOUR PREDECESSOR, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR  
10 PREDECESSOR THOUGHT THAT HE HAD THE ABILITY TO SAY, "WE'RE  
11 GOING TO HOLD OUR DEPUTIES TO A HIGHER STANDARD," AND  
12 THEREFORE DID. I DON'T SEE THE ARTIFICIALITY.

13

14 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** LET ME, IF I MAY, JUST GIVE YOU TWO  
15 PARTICULAR INSTANCES. THERE'S A DEFINITE CASELAW FOR  
16 CALIFORNIA, IN TERMS OF WHAT CONSTITUTES FALSE STATEMENTS AND  
17 WHAT CONSTITUTES PERJURY. AND IT'S A LEGAL STANDARD, AND MR.  
18 HAFETZ IS AWARE OF IT. THE STANDARD WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT IN  
19 INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS WAS ALTERED. IF THERE'S A DISPUTE  
20 BETWEEN EMPLOYEES, AND YOU SAY THAT EMPLOYEE LIED, AND THE  
21 INVESTIGATOR TALKS TO BOTH, AND SAY, "WELL, I THINK... I LIKE  
22 WHAT THEY SAID. I DON'T LIKE WHAT YOU SAID. YOU'RE GUILTY OF  
23 FALSE STATEMENTS." THAT IS HOW THE DEPARTMENT PROCEEDED, AND  
24 THAT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH ESTABLISHED CASELAW. THERE'S ONE  
25 PART. THE OTHER PART IS THE ONE THAT WAS FROM ERCOM, ACTUALLY,



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1 WHICH WAS A RULING WHERE MY PREDECESSOR CHANGED THE STANDARDS,  
2 THE GUIDELINES, FOR DISCIPLINE. HE ARTIFICIALLY CHANGED THEM  
3 WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE MEET-AND-CONFER PROCESS WITH THE  
4 CERTIFIED UNIONS THAT OVERSEE THAT. AND THE STANDARD WAS  
5 RECALLED, REAFFIRMED TO GO BACK TO THE 2012 STANDARD, BEFORE  
6 HE MADE THE UNILATERAL MOVE. THESE ARE MOVES THAT HE DID ON  
7 HIS OWN, AND THAT IT WAS NOT SUPPORTED BY PRECEDENT OR BY THE  
8 LAW, OR HE DIDN'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO THAT UNILATERALLY.  
9 AND THAT DID NOT IMPROVE THE SITUATION. IF YOU'RE MOVING THE  
10 GOALPOSTS, BUT THE FACTS STILL REMAIN THE SAME, THAT IS BEING  
11 AN ARTIFICIAL DRIVER. THAT IS NOT INCREASING SOMEHOW A HIGHER,  
12 A BETTER DEPARTMENT, MORE ETHICAL. ACTUALLY, NO, YOU'RE  
13 PLAYING GAMES WITH POLITICS. YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY BEING DRIVEN  
14 BY FACT. WE HAVE THE GUIDELINES FOR DISCIPLINE. THE POLICIES  
15 THEMSELVES HAVE NOT CHANGED WHATSOEVER. WHAT WE NEED IS WE  
16 NEED TO RETRAIN OUR INVESTIGATORS TO MAKE SURE THEY INCLUDE  
17 ALL OF THE INFORMATION, ALL THE INFORMATION, BOTH THE POINTS  
18 TOWARDS GUILT AND THE EXONERATORY INFORMATION. WE HAVE THE  
19 OBLIGATION TO DO THAT. AND WE FAILED MISERABLY DOING THAT AS  
20 AN ORGANIZATION, NOT OUTSIDE THE ORGANIZATION. SO I'M NOT  
21 PLACING THE BLAME IN ANOTHER ENTITY. THEY'RE JUST ACTUALLY THE  
22 END USER. AND IF YOU CAN SAY "GARBAGE IN, GARBAGE OUT," WE  
23 WERE GENERATING MOST OF THE GARBAGE THAT WAS FED THROUGH THAT  
24 SYSTEM. WE'RE CLEANING OUT THE GARBAGE, AND WE'RE SETTING THE  
25 FACTS WHERE THEY ARE. THERE'S PEOPLE, THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO



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1 COME BACK THROUGH THE OVERSIGHT, THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION  
2 PROCESS THAT KNOW, AT FACE VALUE, NO. THERE WAS SOLID EVIDENCE  
3 THAT SUPPORTS THE DECISION. IT'S A GOOD DECISION. IT'S GOING  
4 TO REMAIN. IT'S THE ONES THAT DON'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO THAT,  
5 THAT PUTS US IN A LEGAL BIND IN MANY, MANY WAYS, AND WHEN YOU  
6 HEAR THE DETAILS OF THE CASES, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A CHANGE  
7 OF MIND.

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE RULE  
10 OF LAW, I KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT-- ONLY A LITTLE. BUT,  
11 FRANKLY, WHEN YOU HAVE AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING, AND THERE IS  
12 SOMEONE TASKED WITH MAKING A DECISION, YES, IT IS TRUE THAT  
13 THEY SAY, "WELL, LET'S LISTEN TO WHAT YOU SAY AND WHAT YOU  
14 SAY," AND THEY MAKE THE DECISION BASED ON THEIR UNDERSTANDING  
15 OF THE RULE. I SUPPOSE SOME PEOPLE COULD SAY THAT YOU'RE  
16 ARTIFICIALLY DEFLATING THE STANDARDS IF THEY WANT TO, YOU  
17 KNOW, LOOK AT ACTIONS TAKEN. SO WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO MORE  
18 DISCUSSION ON THAT. THE FINAL THING, I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. YOU  
19 SAID YOU WERE MISREPRESENTED IN TERMS OF REPORT OF WHAT YOU  
20 SAID AT THE C.O.C., THAT YOU SAID, "THE PRESUMPTION OF  
21 VULNERABILITY IS NOT THE SAME AS THE PRESUMPTION OF  
22 INNOCENCE." WHOSE VULNERABILITY AND WHOSE INNOCENCE ARE YOU  
23 TALKING ABOUT?

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1   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WELL, THE POINT IS THAT-- IN FACT, YOU  
2   YOURSELF ARE THE ONE ALLUDING TO THE FACT THAT THERE IS AN  
3   ALLEGED VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AND OF COURSE VICTIMS OF  
4   DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARE A VULNERABLE COMMUNITY. I DON'T THINK  
5   ANYONE DISAGREES WITH THAT.

6

7   **SUP. KUEHL:** I'D SAY ALL WOMEN ARE A VULNERABLE COMMUNITY, BUT  
8   NOT ALL WOMEN ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THERE'S MORE  
9   TO IT THAN THAT. WHEN SOMEONE TERRIFIES YOU, THREATENS YOU,  
10   COMMITS VIOLENCE AGAINST YOU, THEN-- AND WHOSE PRESUMPTION OF  
11   INNOCENCE? YOU MEAN THE PERSON WHO DID THE VIOLENCE, BUT IT  
12   DIDN'T ADD UP TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN YOUR MIND?

13

14   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WELL, ACTUALLY, OUR ENTIRE LEGAL SYSTEM IS  
15   DRIVEN BY THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE. AND I HOPE THAT  
16   INCLUDES BOTH CRIMINAL LAW AND EMPLOYMENT LAW.

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18   **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, BUT REMEMBER THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS NOT  
19   ONLY AN ASPECT OF CRIMINAL LAW. AND THERE I DO KNOW WHAT I'M  
20   TALKING ABOUT, SINCE I WAS THE AUTHOR OF ALL OF THE EARLY  
21   DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGISLATION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.  
22   BECAUSE VICTIMS ARE SO FRIGHTENED. AND CERTAINLY, WHEN THEY'RE  
23   IN LAW ENFORCEMENT THEMSELVES, THEY'RE EVEN MORE FRIGHTENED.  
24   WE FOUND THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT, GENERALLY-- NOT THE SHERIFF'S



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1 DEPARTMENT ONLY-- HAD A LOT OF ABUSERS, AND PEOPLE WERE  
2 TERRIFIED BECAUSE THEY WERE PRETTY WELL CONNECTED.

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4 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** OH, I AGREE, AND THAT HISTORICALLY HAS  
5 ALWAYS BEEN A PROBLEM.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO THE FACT THAT THEY DON'T BRING OR GO RIGHT TO  
8 THE POLICE, AND SAY, "I'M FILING A CRIMINAL CHARGE," WAS ONE  
9 OF THE THINGS THAT WE FOUND EARLY ON LED US TO CREATE THE  
10 CIVIL CODE ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SO THAT YOU COULD GET  
11 RESTRAINING ORDERS, ET CETERA, BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE NOT FEELING  
12 SECURE AND SAFE TO FILE THOSE. SO, CERTAINLY SETTING A  
13 STANDARD AT THE FILING OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT IS NOT THE SAME  
14 AS WHAT YOU CALL INNOCENCE.

15

16 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WELL, THAT RIGHT THERE IS PART OF THE  
17 MISREPRESENTATION OF WHAT I SAID. WE'RE NOT SETTING A STANDARD  
18 THAT YOU HAVE TO FILE A CLAIM, A CRIMINAL CLAIM, OF DOMESTIC  
19 VIOLENCE. NOT AT ALL. THE FACT THAT THIS PERSON IN PARTICULAR  
20 WAS A DEPUTY, AND AS YOU LEARN MORE ABOUT THE INFORMATION,  
21 YOU'LL HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING WHAT I'M MEANING. BUT ALSO,  
22 I'D CAUTION YOU THAT YOU CAN'T TAKE A SINGLE DATA POINT AND  
23 SOMEHOW CREATE A TREND. YOU CAN'T DO THAT. YOU HAVE TO HAVE A  
24 NUMBER INCIDENCES. AND WHEN YOU UNDERSTAND THE TOTALITY OF



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1 THIS, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE  
2 ON THAT. I PROMISE YOU THAT.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, WELL, I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.

5

6 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** OKAY.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. THIS MAKES ME FEEL REALLY  
13 UNCOMFORTABLE, THE SITUATION THAT WE'RE IN. BUT I DO WANT TO  
14 SAY THAT WE'RE HERE BECAUSE THERE'S NO DOUBT A VERY IMPORTANT  
15 ISSUE AT HAND, AND IT'S THE INTERPRETATION OF DOMESTIC  
16 VIOLENCE, AND WHO ARE CONSIDERED VICTIMS IN MANY WAYS THAT ARE  
17 NOT TRUSTED, NOT GIVEN THE KIND OF RESPECT AND ABILITY TO  
18 SPEAK OUT. OFTENTIMES, THEY ARE DOUBTED. THEY ARE ALSO IN SOME  
19 WAYS HARASSED, PERSECUTED, FIRED, BELITTLED, BERATED, BEATEN.  
20 AND I THINK ABOUT THE TIME I SPENT IN THE LEGISLATURE, NOT  
21 ONLY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CARRYING VARIOUS PIECES OF  
22 LEGISLATION, BUT ALSO DEVELOPING ONE OF THE FIRST COURTS IN  
23 WEST COVINA, SOLELY ON THE BASIS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
24 VICTIMS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HITS TO THE HEART OF MUCH OF  
25 WHAT WE DO HERE IN THE COUNTY, ON ALL LEVELS, AND ESPECIALLY



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1 MARCHES. WE'VE SEEN WHAT'S HAPPENED TO C.E.O.S IN THE PRIVATE  
2 SECTOR. WE'VE SEEN WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LEGISLATURE ALL  
3 OVER. BUT NOW WE'RE SEEING IT PLAY OUT HERE, BEFORE US. AND  
4 THIS BOARD IN THE PAST, WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO TRY TO  
5 ELEVATE THOSE VOICES, AND WE'VE DONE A LOT AND HELPED TO  
6 EMPOWER OTHER PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE  
7 LEGISLATURE. WHEN THERE'S A SEXUAL HARASSMENT OR ANY KIND OF  
8 EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION, I THINK WE HAVE LED THERE. AND I  
9 KNOW WE HAVE COLLEAGUES IN SACRAMENTO THAT WILL SAY THE SAME  
10 THING. BUT FOR US NOT TO SAY SOMETHING, I THINK, JUST REALLY  
11 STRUCK ME. AND I'M NOT PERSONALIZING THIS, SHERIFF, IN THAT  
12 MATTER. YOU'RE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, AND SO AM I. BUT THERE IS  
13 A LINE THAT SAYS THAT, I THINK, THAT WE REALLY HAVE TO  
14 UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE ENVIRONMENT, IN THE  
15 ENVIRONMENT AROUND US, AND THAT ENVIRONMENT IS VERY SENSITIVE  
16 RIGHT NOW. AND I THINK WHAT WE WANT TO SEEK IS TRUTH, AS YOU  
17 HAVE SAID IN YOUR CAMPAIGNS AND TALKED TO THE PUBLIC, AND EVEN  
18 TO US, INDIVIDUALLY, ABOUT TRANSPARENCY, ABOUT DUE PROCESS,  
19 AND MAKING THAT PROCESS OPEN. AND ONE OF MY CONCERN IS THAT  
20 WE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME ON THIS BOARD-- ALMOST TWO  
21 YEARS. IN FACT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I CARRIED MOTIONS  
22 TO HELP CREATE REFORM WITH OUR CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, AS  
23 WELL AS OUR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION THAT EXISTS. AND WE  
24 CARE VERY DEEPLY ABOUT HEARING ALL THESE VOICES. AND I THINK  
25 THAT WE HAVE TO SHOW A GREAT DEAL OF PATIENCE, BUT RESPECT:



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1   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS, ACTUALLY, WE HAVE  
2   YET TO MEET THE STANDARDS OF P.R.E.A. IN OUR JAIL. AND MY GOAL  
3   IS TO MEET THAT STANDARD, FINALLY. IT'S BEEN LONG, LONG  
4   OVERDUE. I'VE SPENT MY ENTIRE CAREER CHASING BAD GUYS AND  
5   TALKING TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE, AND TRYING TO MAKE THE WORLD A  
6   SAFER PLACE, AND I DID IT HANDS-ON WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS, AND  
7   TALKING, ANSWERING CALLS FOR SERVICE, SEEING PROBABLY SOME OF  
8   THOSE HORRENDOUS THINGS THAT YOU FOLKS CAN PROBABLY EVER  
9   IMAGINE WITH MY TWO EYES. SO I HAVE A DEEP APPRECIATION FOR  
10   VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE, VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND I'VE  
11   SPENT MANY A DAY AND NIGHT IN PLACES THAT YOU JUST CRY OUT,  
12   "WOW, WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED HERE?" AND I RECALL DISTINCTLY A  
13   CASE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHERE THE VICTIM, THE GIRLFRIEND,  
14   LIVED WITH THE FAMILY OF THE BOYFRIEND, AND THEY CONCEALED  
15   HER, EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS AT THE HOUSE, BUT I KNEW SHE WAS  
16   THERE, SO I WAS PATIENT. AND THEY FINALLY PRODUCED HER AFTER  
17   ABOUT 10 MINUTES. SHE WAS HEAVILY MADE-UP. AND I SPOKE TO HER,  
18   AND AFTER ABOUT FIVE MINUTES I NOTICED A CRACK APPEARED IN THE  
19   MAKEUP ON HER FOREHEAD, AND THAT SHE STARTED DRIPPING BLOOD.  
20   THEY TRIED TO DO A BONDO JOB WITH MAKEUP TO COVER UP THE FACT  
21   THAT SHE WAS ASSAULTED WITH A CAR CLUB. SO I DO CARE ABOUT THE  
22   VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AND I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY  
23   POWER TO ENSURE THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD, AND THE PEOPLE THAT  
24   ARE RESPONSIBLE ARE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. THAT HAS BEEN MY  
25   MISSION MY ENTIRE CAREER. NOW, I'LL GIVE YOU A SCENARIO THAT'S



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1 KIND OF PUT THIS IN A PERSPECTIVE, HOW SOMETIMES THE BEST OF  
2 INTENTIONS CAN GO SIDEWAYS. WE'VE HAD ANOTHER CASE IN THE  
3 LAST, I THINK, IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, WHERE IT WAS, AGAIN,  
4 HUSBAND/WIFE ON THE DEPARTMENT, MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, OR  
5 A COUPLE; MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, BOTH SWORN. THE FEMALE  
6 WAS A PROBATIONER, THE MALE WAS A NON-PROBATIONER, ALREADY  
7 TENURED. THERE WAS A DOMESTIC DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO, AND IT  
8 RESULTED IN... AND IT LOOKED LIKE, FROM WHAT I READ, THAT THE  
9 PRIMARY AGGRESSOR WAS THE MALE. SHE GOT FIRED BECAUSE SHE WAS  
10 A PROBATIONER. SO WE FAILED IN THAT REGARD TO PROTECT HER,  
11 BECAUSE WE HELD HER EMPLOYMENT TO A DIFFERENT STANDARD THAN  
12 HIS, BECAUSE OF THE FACT SHE WAS A PROBATIONER. WHAT DOES THAT  
13 SPEAK OF, OF THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE? IT SPOKE VERY  
14 POORLY. SO THERE'S A LOT THAT WE NEED TO RESOLVE. AND ANY TIME  
15 WE ENTER INTO A SITUATION WHERE THERE'S A LARGE ORGANIZATION  
16 THAT HAD A LOT OF MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE, YOU CAN'T PAPER IT  
17 OVER, MOVE ON, AND PRETEND THAT THINGS DIDN'T GO WRONG,  
18 BECAUSE YOU'RE LIVING AMONGST THE REMNANTS OF ALL THOSE  
19 MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE. AND YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THE PAST BY  
20 IGNORING IT. YOU HAVE TO ADDRESS IT AND BE ABLE TO MOVE  
21 FORWARD. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING DO. AND WE'RE GOING TO DO  
22 IT IN A WAY THAT'S GOING TO BE AS TRANSPARENT AS WE CAN BE.  
23 OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S LIMITATIONS TO WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE, BUT  
24 WE'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE INFORMATION THAT YOU CAN LEGALLY HAVE.  
25 AND BY ALL MEANS, WE WANT YOU INFORMED, WANT YOU TO



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1 PARTICIPATE WHERE IT'S APPROPRIATE. AND YOU'RE GOING TO  
2 UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE MOVING THIS PLACE IN THE DIRECTION IT  
3 NEEDS TO GO, AND I HEARD THAT LOUD AND CLEAR ON THE CAMPAIGN  
4 TRAIL. AND I'M NOT HERE TO FIND ANOTHER CONSULTANT TO BE HIRED  
5 TO RESOLVE ANOTHER ISSUE THAT SHOULD BELONG TO ME TO RESOLVE.

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7 **SUP. SOLIS:** I THINK JUST THE LAST COMMENT IS THAT VICTIMS OF  
8 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. AND THEIR  
9 PERPETRATORS DO, TOO, AS WAS STATED. THEY WEAR ROBES. THEY  
10 WEAR UNIFORMS. THEY HIDE BEHIND A BADGE. MY QUESTION REALLY  
11 IS, AT WHAT POINT DO WE SAY NO, REGARDLESS OF YOU'RE WEARING A  
12 BADGE OR A UNIFORM? AND THAT, TO ME, IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST  
13 STANDARDS, BECAUSE WE'RE ENTRUSTING OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
14 OFFICERS TO DO THEIR VERY BEST. AND THE BOTTOM LINE FOR ME IS  
15 GOING TO BE HOW THAT'S DETERMINED, AND HOW FAIRNESS HAS BEEN  
16 REACHED, IN TERMS OF REALLY MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE RIDDING OUR  
17 DEPARTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE, FOR  
18 WHATEVER REASON, OF OUR PROCESSES OR POLICIES, AND THAT WE  
19 PROVIDE THE SECURITY AND SAFETY THAT OUR RESIDENTS, AS WELL AS  
20 OUR EMPLOYEES-- BECAUSE I HAVE TO GO BACK TO IT'S OUR  
21 EMPLOYEES, AS WELL. IF WE CAN'T EVEN PROTECT OUR EMPLOYEES,  
22 THAT SAYS A LOT ABOUT US, AS WELL. SO I'M HOPEFUL THAT THAT'S  
23 SOMETHING THAT YOU'LL HEAR, THAT YOU'VE HEARD TODAY. SO I LOOK  
24 FORWARD TO ALSO WORKING ALONGSIDE WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT AND  
25 SEEING WHAT REFORMS, AND ALSO WITH AN URGENCY TO HELP US



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1 BETTER UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION PROCESS, HOW  
2 THAT'S GOING TO BE SET UP, AND WHAT ROLE WE PLAY, IF ANY, IN  
3 HELPING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THAT IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SHERIFF, LISTENING TO ALL THIS,  
6 I'M TRYING TO FIGURE THIS OUT. SO, LET'S ASSUME A DEPUTY WAS  
7 FIRED IN 2016, AND YOU DECIDE TO BRING THAT DEPUTY BACK. HOW  
8 DO YOU RESCIND THE FIRING, AND THEN HOW DOES IT PLAY OUT, IN  
9 TERMS OF BRINGING THE INDIVIDUAL BACK? DOES A PERSON GET A  
10 SUSPENSION OR PUNISHED FOR WHATEVER THE ALLEGATION WAS?

11

12 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** IT BECOMES A REINSTATEMENT.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY. AND SO THE REINSTATEMENT, IF  
15 I WAS FIRED IN 2016, AND IN 2018 YOU REINSTATED ME, AM I  
16 ENTITLED TO BACKPAY?

17

18 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** IT DEPENDS ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES. IT  
19 DEPENDS ON WHETHER OR NOT YOU ABANDONED YOUR AVENUES OF  
20 APPEAL, FOR EXAMPLE. SOMEONE WHO ABANDONED THEIR APPEALS,  
21 WELL, THEY GIVE UP. IF THEY DIDN'T ABANDON, THEY WERE STILL  
22 ACTIVELY PURSUING IT, THEY DO HAVE A LEGAL STANDARD TO PURSUE,  
23 IF THEY WERE WRONGFULLY TERMINATED.

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1   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO IN THE CASE OF THE INCIDENT  
2   WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, WHERE YOU'RE ALLEGING IT WAS WRONGFUL  
3   TERMINATION, IS THAT INDIVIDUAL GOING TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR  
4   BACKPAY?

5

6   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WELL, HE HAD A LAWSUIT THAT WAS ALREADY  
7   FILED. AND HE WAS ELIGIBLE FOR THE BACKPAY, BUT UNDER  
8   CONDITION THAT HE HAD TO WITHDRAW HIS LAWSUIT.

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10   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO THERE WILL BE NO BACKPAY?

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12   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YES, THERE WILL BE BACKPAY IN THIS CASE.

13

14   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** HE WILL GET RETROACTIVE PAY TO  
15   2016?

16

17   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YES.

18

19   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO, TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THIS  
20   TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION. IS THAT BEING SET UP IN ORDER TO  
21   ALLOW A PROCESS TO TAKE PLACE FOR DEPUTIES THAT FEEL THAT THEY  
22   WERE WRONGLY ACCUSED OF SOMETHING, BEYOND CIVIL SERVICE?

23

24   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** NO, THEY HAVE TO ESTABLISH-- IF THEY WERE  
25   WRONGFULLY TERMINATED, AND THE EVIDENCE IS OBVIOUS, WHAT WE'RE



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1 CUTTING OUT IS THE LEGAL COST OF GOING THROUGH THE WRIT OF  
2 MANDATE AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT WE'RE GOING TO FAIL ON THAT.  
3 ONCE A NEUTRAL THIRD PARTY SEES IT, WE DON'T HAVE A WHOLE LOT  
4 OF ROOM TO DEFEND OURSELVES.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO THAT'S WHAT THIS IS GOING TO BE  
7 SET UP FOR? THIS IS GOING TO BE AN INDEPENDENT VIEW, CORRECT?  
8 I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE ROLE OF THIS TRUTH AND  
9 RECONCILIATION IS.

10

11 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** IT'S FOCUSING ON TWO AREAS, WHICH IS  
12 WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS, WRONGFUL TERMINATIONS.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** RIGHT.

15

16 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** PART OF THE D.A.S., THEY'VE ALREADY  
17 INITIATED THAT PROCESS, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A WRONGFUL  
18 CONVICTION UNIT UP AND RUNNING. HOWEVER, THERE'S STILL ISSUES  
19 THAT DOESN'T ARISE TO THEM THAT FALL ON OUR HANDS, AND THEY  
20 WILL REFER THEM BACK TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE. THAT'S ON THE  
21 WRONGFUL CONVICTION SIDE. BUT WE HAVE, TO ENSURE PROCEDURAL  
22 JUSTICE FOR EVERYBODY, DUE PROCESS. AND ALL WE'RE DOING IS  
23 LOOKING THROUGH THE DUE PROCESS: DID WE MEET THE STANDARD?

24



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1   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO, FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM,  
2   THIS IS ANOTHER LAYER OF INSURANCE TO ENSURE THAT THEY'RE  
3   GETTING THEIR DUE PROCESS?

4

5   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** FOR THE CASES THAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST  
6   THAT ARE EGREGIOUS, THOSE, YES. FOR THE CASES MOVING FORWARD,  
7   THE HEARING OFFICERS, THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IS NOT  
8   GOING TO COME ACROSS CASES WHERE WE HAVEN'T MET THAT  
9   PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE STANDARD. THEY'RE GOING TO BE THE  
10   CASES BLACK-AND-WHITE, AND THEY'LL BE VERY OBVIOUS.

11

12   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO, WHY IN THIS CASE WOULD YOU  
13   HAVE NOT WAITED FOR THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION GROUP TO BE  
14   FORMED, IN ORDER TO REVIEW THIS?

15

16   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WELL, THERE'S A HANDFUL OF CASES THAT WE  
17   WANTED TO MOVE FORWARD.

18

19   **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** EXCUSE ME. NO CLAPPING. YEAH.

20

21   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WE WANTED TO MOVE FORWARD. THERE'S ABOUT  
22   HALF A DOZEN OF THEM. THIS IS JUST THE FIRST. THERE'S ABOUT  
23   HALF A DOZEN THAT THERE IS NO POINT, BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT  
24   THE CASES THEMSELVES-- AND YOU'LL BE PRIVY TO EACH AND EVERY  
25   ONE OF THEM-- YOU REALIZE, "YEAH, I THINK WE REALLY, REALLY



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1 SCREWED THE POOCH ON THAT ONE." AND THAT'S-- IT'S A CORRECTIVE  
2 MEASURE, AND NOTHING MORE. ONCE WE HAVE IT UP AND RUNNING,  
3 WE'LL PICK UP THE PACE, OBVIOUSLY, BUT THERE'S AN END TO THIS.  
4 THIS IS NOT AN ONGOING THING, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO GO  
5 BACK FOREVER, ONLY GO BACK A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF TIME WHERE WE  
6 LOST CONFIDENCE IN WHAT WAS BEING PRESENTED TO THE CIVIL  
7 SERVICE COMMISSION.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO THIS IS GOING TO BE FOR THOSE  
10 THAT PAST; NOT MOVING FORWARD, BUT PAST?

11

12 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YEAH. BECAUSE NOW, MOVING FORWARD,  
13 OBVIOUSLY, NOW I HAVE TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THE RESULTS OF OUR  
14 INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY. SO IN THOSE SITUATIONS, ARE  
17 YOU GOING TO SET ASIDE A BUDGET, OR AN ESTIMATE, IN TERMS OF  
18 WHAT RETROACTIVE PAY WOULD BE FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

19

20 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YES, WE WILL.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AND THAT'S GOING TO BE TRANSPARENT  
23 FOR EVERYONE TO SEE?

24

25 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YES.



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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY. BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S  
3 IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND. AGAIN, SUPERVISOR KUEHL MENTIONED IT,  
4 BUT CIVIL SERVICE HAS NOT EXACTLY BEEN KNOWN FOR SIDING WITH  
5 THE PUNISHMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN IN NOT JUST THE SHERIFF'S  
6 DEPARTMENT, BUT ACROSS THE BOARD, AND SO FOR THEM TO UPHOLD 5-  
7 0 CAUSED ME PAUSE, BECAUSE THAT IS VERY UNUSUAL, ESPECIALLY  
8 WHEN IT COMES TO A FIRING. USUALLY, WITH A FIRING, THEY TEND  
9 TO LOOK AT SAYING, "THAT'S TOO HARSH," AND MOVE IT TO A 30-DAY  
10 SUSPENSION OR 15-DAY SUSPENSION.

11

12 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** IN THIS CASE, IT NEVER WAS SUPPOSED TO BE  
13 A DISCHARGE CASE.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AND I LOOK FORWARD TO READING  
16 THAT. IN THE END, WHAT WAS THE PUNISHMENT THAT WAS PROVIDED IN  
17 THIS CASE?

18

19 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** THAT, WE CAN'T DISCUSS PUBLICLY.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SORRY ABOUT THAT. BEFORE YOU GO, I  
22 JUST WANT TO ASK IF WE CAN AMEND THE MOTION, HEARING WHAT  
23 WE'VE HEARD TODAY, TO INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO REACH OUT TO  
24 THE DEPUTY TO SIGN THE APPROPRIATE WAIVER AND PRODUCE THE  
25 PERSONNEL FILE. SO I'D LIKE TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ALSO



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1 INCLUDE THAT, BECAUSE I DO FEEL IT'S IMPORTANT. AND ALSO TO  
2 NOTIFY THE VICTIM AND MAKE SURE THAT WE REDACT AND/OR ALLOW  
3 THE VICTIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT AT ALL COSTS, BECAUSE I  
4 DON'T WANT THIS TO BE ABOUT THAT INDIVIDUAL, AS WELL. SO WITH  
5 THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

6

7 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YOU USED THE TERM "VICTIM." THAT'S A LEGAL  
8 TERM.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY. THE DEPUTY THAT IS NO LONGER  
11 WITH YOU, THAT TOOK OVER A YEAR TO REPORT, THAT WE'RE CALLING  
12 INTO QUESTION HIS CREDIBILITY.

13

14 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WE WOULD SAFELY CALL HER A COMPLAINANT IN  
15 THIS CASE, THIS PARTICULAR CASE.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** I JUST WANTED TO ASK WHETHER THE TRUTH AND  
20 RECONCILIATION COMMISSION IS AN INTERNAL GROUP INSIDE THE  
21 DEPARTMENT.

22

23 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YES, IT IS INTERNAL.

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND HAVE YOU CHOSEN A PERSON TO HEAD IT UP?



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2     **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** WE HAVE ONE, YES.

3

4     **SUP. KUEHL:** HAVE YOU MADE IT PUBLIC YET?

5

6     **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** NOT YET.

7

8     **SUP. KUEHL:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

9

10    **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR?

11

12    **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR PRO TEM:** YES?

13

14    **SUP. SOLIS:** I WANTED TO ASK OUR C.E.O. REGARDING THE ISSUE YOU  
15    RAISED ABOUT THE BACKPAY-- BUDGET, IN TERMS OF THE BUDGET.

16

17    **C.E.O. HAMAI:** IN TERMS OF THE BUDGET, I WOULD ASSUME, BECAUSE  
18    IT'S RELATED TO SALARY, IT WOULD HAVE TO FALL WITHIN HIS  
19    SALARY AND EMPLOYEE BENEFIT LINE ITEM. SO HE HAS A CERTAIN  
20    AMOUNT THAT'S BUDGETED FOR HIS EMPLOYEES. SO IT WOULD HAVE TO  
21    FALL WITHIN THAT AREA.

22

23    **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY.

24



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1 MOTION TODAY IS IMPORTANT, TO GET ALL THE FACTS. THIS IS GOING  
2 TO BE ONE OF, I THINK, MANY DISCUSSIONS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE,  
3 AS IT RELATES TO THE FACT THAT SHERIFF VILLANUEVA SAID TODAY  
4 THAT HE'S GOING TO BE LOOKING AT OTHER CASES WHERE THERE'S  
5 BEEN TERMINATION, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET  
6 COUNTY COUNSEL TO GIVE US SOLID ADVICE AS WE MOVE FORWARD,  
7 ESPECIALLY TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THE CONTRACT  
8 CITIES. BECAUSE I DO KNOW THAT THE LIABILITY FUND HAS BEEN A  
9 LARGE CONCERN AND ISSUE TO OUR CONTRACT CITIES, AND THAT  
10 CONTINUES TO GO UP. AND THE QUESTION OF BRINGING BACK  
11 INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE ASSIGNED TO CITIES THAT ARE  
12 CONTRACTED WITH US, THEY'RE GOING TO WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE  
13 ISSUES ARE, AS IT RELATES TO THAT DEPUTY. AND SO I THINK THAT  
14 WE NEED TO REALLY DISCUSS THIS AND WORK IN CONCERT WITH  
15 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, NOT US AGAINST HIM; WORK TOGETHER.  
16 BECAUSE, ULTIMATELY, IT COMES OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND, AS IT  
17 RELATES TO LAWSUITS THAT WE SETTLE AND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED  
18 WITH ANY DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR  
19 KUEHL?

20  
21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THERE'S ALSO THE  
22 QUESTION OF-- THAT WE FACED OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS IN DEALING  
23 NOT JUST WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, BUT WITH THE WHOLE ISSUE OF  
24 VIOLENCE ITSELF. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE BEHAVIOR OF DEPUTIES AND  
25 CALL IT "EXCESSIVE FORCE," AND HAVE HEARINGS ABOUT WHETHER

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019 ON PAGE 337]

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. GOOD MORNING, AND  
5 WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE  
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY,  
7 AUGUST 13TH, 2019, AND WE TAKE NOTE THAT THREE SUPERVISORS ARE  
8 PRESENT, AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
9 WILL BE JOINING US SHORTLY. AND WE ALSO HAVE NOTE THAT THE  
10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE  
11 OFFICER, AND OUR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE  
12 WILL BEGIN THIS MORNING'S MEETING WITH AN INVOCATION LED BY  
13 FATHER HECTOR JEREZ, FROM THE IGLESIA LA SAGRADA FAMILIA IN  
14 THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, IN OUR FIRST DISTRICT; AND THAT  
15 WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, LED BY STAFF  
16 SERGEANT NATTAPOL CHALOYPHIAN, IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, FROM  
17 THE CITY OF PASADENA IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. IF YOU'RE ABLE  
18 THIS MORNING, PLEASE STAND WITH US FOR THE INVOCATION AND THE  
19 PLEDGE.

20

21 **FATHER HECTOR JEREZ:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AMEN.

24



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1   **NATTAPOL CHALOYPHIAN:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG,  
2   PLEASE. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU ARE A  
3   VETERAN, YOU MAY RENDER A HAND SALUTE, AND JOIN ME IN THE  
4   PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

5

6   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

7

8   **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WISH TO THANK FATHER  
9   HECTOR JEREZ FOR PROVIDING TODAY'S INVOCATION. FOR THOSE OF  
10   YOU THAT DON'T UNDERSTAND OR SPEAK SPANISH, HE GAVE A VERY  
11   BEAUTIFUL SERMON. IT'S ABOUT UNITY. IT'S ABOUT RESPECTING ALL  
12   OF US HERE, AND WELCOMING EVERYONE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
13   ANGELES. FATHER JEREZ WAS BORN IN MAZATENANGO, GUATEMALA, AND  
14   IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN HE WAS 32 YEARS OF AGE.  
15   WHILE IN GUATEMALA, HE BECAME ORDAINED IN 1987. FATHER JEREZ  
16   ALSO FORMED HIS COMMUNITY, IN WHICH HE REFERRED TO THEM AS LA  
17   SAGRADA FAMILIA, THE HOLY FAMILY. IN 1994, HE BEGAN HIS WORK  
18   AT THE SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES REGION, DIRECTING MASS AT THE  
19   IGLESIA LA SAGRADA FAMILIA, IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK IN  
20   THE FIRST DISTRICT. LAST YEAR UNDER FATHER JEREZ'S LEADERSHIP,  
21   THE CHURCH BEGAN TO OPERATE THE SHOWER OF HOPE PROGRAM, WHICH  
22   HAS PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY 70 TO 100 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH  
23   ACCESS TO SHOWERS, LAUNDRY SERVICES, CLOTHING, AND HOT MEALS.  
24   THIS YEAR, THE HOLY FAMILY CHURCH INCORPORATED MOBILE LAUNDRY  
25   SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE



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1 CONTRACT DICTATING ONE SET OF DESIGN, WHERE THE BOARD IS  
2 FAVORING A POTENTIALLY ALTERNATE DESIGN.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD JUST SAY THAT, RATHER THAN  
5 USE THE WORD "SLIGHT" OR "PUTTING A PEG IN A SQUARE," WE'VE  
6 HAD A PROFOUND CHANGE ON THIS BOARD SINCE 2015. AND THAT'S WHY  
7 WE'RE HERE TODAY: TO TALK ABOUT THIS ITEM. AND I APPRECIATE  
8 YOUR DESCRIPTION. I KNOW WE'LL GO INTO DETAIL A LITTLE MORE,  
9 PERHAPS ABOUT THE STUDIES THAT ARE STILL AWAITING TO BE  
10 REVIEWED BY OUR BOARD, THAT WILL ALSO HELP INFORM US AS WE  
11 MOVE FORWARD, IN TERMS OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THIS PROJECT. SO  
12 I WANT TO DEFER TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I KNOW THAT THERE'S A  
13 TIME SPECIFIC THAT I BELIEVE THE SHERIFF WANTED TO SPEAK. IF  
14 YOU WANT TO RECOGNIZE ME, I WILL GO. I'M READY TO GO.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. I HAVE SOME COLLEAGUES THAT ARE ON  
17 THE QUEUE, THAT ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** BUT BEFORE? BECAUSE I JUST WANTED TO SET THE  
20 STAGE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN MY STATEMENT, MADAM CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING GRACIOUS. I ESPECIALLY  
25 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR BEING MY CO-AUTHOR ON THIS



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1 INCARCERATION? AND WHAT DO THEY NEED IN ORDER NOT TO GO BACK?

2 I WANT TO THANK OUR C.E.O., I WANT TO THANK THE HEAD OF OUR

3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, I WANT TO THANK OUR COUNTY COUNSEL

4 FOR DOING THE ANALYSIS ABOUT THIS CONTRACT, WHICH ANOTHER

5 BOARD ON WHICH HILDA AND I DID SERVE OUR VERY FIRST YEAR, KIND

6 OF THE FIRST COUPLE OF MONTHS, I THINK, THAT WE WERE HERE, CUT

7 BACK WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS, IN A GOOD WAY, THE CAPACITY, BUT

8 OVER THOSE FOUR ADDITIONAL YEARS HAVE FELT INCREASINGLY

9 UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THAT ANSWER, PUTTING TOGETHER THE MOTION

10 THAT CONSTRUCTED THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKFORCE,

11 AND THAT IS A VERY ENTHUSIASTIC, PROFESSIONAL, SMART GROUP OF

12 PEOPLE WHO ARE SAYING, "THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO DEAL WITH MOST

13 OF THE POPULATION." THERE ARE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AT VARIOUS

14 LEVELS. THERE ARE ADDICTION ISSUES. JAIL HELPS NEITHER ONE OF

15 THOSE. THERE ARE ALSO ISSUES OF PEOPLE WAITING FOR THEIR

16 TRIAL, HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ADJUDICATED YET, AND ARE IN JAIL

17 BECAUSE THEY CAN'T PAY BAIL. SO THIS YEAR AND LAST YEAR, WE

18 STARTED PAYING MORE ATTENTION, AND I AM PROUD OF US FOR DOING

19 THAT. I AM PROUD OF THE THREE DOCS THAT RUN OUR HEALTH

20 DEPARTMENTS. I'M PROUD OF OUR GREAT JUDGE WHO RUNS O.D.R. I AM

21 PROUD TO WORK WITH THESE PEOPLE. I HAVE BEEN PROUD TO WORK

22 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND I KNOW THE SHERIFF IS HERE

23 WITH COLLEAGUES TO TELL US TODAY THIS IS A BAD IDEA, AND HAS

24 SAID SO, AND I HEARD THE PODCAST. AND SO, YOU KNOW, WE

25 DISAGREE. WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME, AND PROBABLY WON'T BE



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1 THE LAST TIME, SHERIFF. BUT WE HAVE OUR JOB. AND HILDA AND I  
2 HAVE SAID WE BELIEVE THAT THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS TO TRY TO  
3 TURN A BIG BOAT AROUND WITH THE HELP OF THE MOVEMENT AND THE  
4 ADVOCATES, WITH THE HELP OF OUR DEPARTMENTS AND ALL THOSE WHO  
5 CARE ABOUT THIS ISSUE, AND HOPEFULLY WITH THE HELP OF OUR  
6 COLLEAGUES. AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WORK, AND LOOK  
7 FORWARD TO THE CONVERSATION.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I ACTUALLY DO WANT TO HEAR FROM  
12 THE SHERIFF. BUT I WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
13 SOME QUESTIONS, SO IF YOU COULD COME UP. ON THE MCCARTHY  
14 CONTRACT, THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT THAT CAME FORWARD-- I DON'T  
15 KNOW IF IT WOULD BE SACHI OR WHO WOULD ANSWER THIS-- WHERE DID  
16 THE NUMBERS COME FROM WHEN WE CAME UP WITH THE MCCARTHY  
17 CONTRACT, THAT WAS THE R.F.P.?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, THE NUMBERS, IN GENERAL, WERE BASED ON A  
20 SPECIFIED SCOPE THAT OUR SCOPING ARCHITECT AND ALL THE  
21 DEPARTMENTS WORKED ON. THAT NUMBER WAS THEN TAKEN BY PUBLIC  
22 WORKS WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF ESTIMATORS AND OTHERS, TO  
23 ESTIMATE A PROBABLE CONTRACT COST. THAT COST WAS ULTIMATELY  
24 TRANSFERRED INTO WHAT IS REFERRED TO AS A STIPULATED SUM THE  
25 PROPOSERS PROPOSED, BASED ON THAT SCOPE AT THAT SUM.



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2   **SUP. BARGER:** SO THE NUMBER THAT CAME UP, THAT THE BOARD  
3   APPROVED WITH THE R.F.P., WHERE DID THE NUMBER OF BEDS COME  
4   FROM?

5

6   **SPEAKER:** THAT NUMBER WAS DICTATED BY THIS BOARD IN 2015.

7

8   **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR AND MY COLLEAGUES, I RESPECT  
9   EVERYBODY'S OPINION, AND I THINK THAT WE ALL ARE ENTITLED TO  
10   HAVE OUR OPINIONS. BUT WHEN I LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF THIS, AND  
11   IT'S FAR BEFORE I CAME ON BOARD, WE HAD A STUDY THAT WAS DONE  
12   BY VANNER, THAT WAS BASED ON STRICTLY LOOKING AT BUILDING A  
13   FACILITY, A JAIL, AND THE PRISONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. AND  
14   THEN, AT THE REQUEST OF THIS BOARD, KNOWING THAT DIVERSION,  
15   WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT, I THINK IT  
16   IS THE RIGHT WAY TO GO. I TELL PEOPLE THERE ARE PEOPLE IN OUR  
17   JAIL RIGHT NOW THAT COMMITTED CRIMES, BUT HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS,  
18   AND THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES, WHETHER IT BE  
19   ADDICTION AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, THEY WOULD NOT BE IN  
20   JAIL. SO I AM WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN SUPPORT OF A ROBUST DIVERSION  
21   PROGRAM. HOWEVER, WHEN WE HIRED H.M.A., WHICH IS AN EXPERT IN  
22   DIVERSION PROGRAMS, THE NUMBER THEY CAME UP WITH EXCEEDED WHAT  
23   THIS BOARD AGREED TO DO. WE ACTUALLY COMPROMISED. AND I THINK  
24   IT WAS 6800, AND WE CAME DOWN ALMOST 3,000 BEDS, BASED ON  
25   PROJECTIONS. AND WHEN I TALKED TO THE SHERIFF, AND MY



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1 COLLEAGUES HAVE HEARD THIS, WHEN I ASKED ABOUT THE MENTAL  
2 HEALTH NUMBERS, BECAUSE THIS WAS DONE, I BELIEVE, IN 2015,  
3 WHEN WE LOOK AT THE NUMBER THAT THEY PROJECTED FOR 2019, THE  
4 COMMANDER WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE ACTUAL  
5 NUMBER IN OUR JAILS RIGHT NOW-- AND WE CURRENTLY-- ALBEIT WE  
6 DO NOT HAVE A ROBUST DIVERSION PROGRAM IN PLACE, BUT WITH  
7 DIVERSION RIGHT NOW, COMMANDER, AS I RECALL, YOU SAID THE  
8 NUMBER THAT H.M.A. PROJECTED IS-- YOUR NUMBERS ARE EXCEEDING  
9 WHAT THE ACTUAL NUMBER WAS PROJECTED WITH THE H.M.A. STUDY.  
10 CORRECT?

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12 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT. THEY PROJECTED 19 PERCENT. WE'RE AT  
13 33 PERCENT.

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15 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, TO MY COLLEAGUES AND TO THE PUBLIC, I THINK  
16 IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE MCCARTHY STUDY WAS DONE  
17 WITH DIVERSION IN MIND, AND THIS BOARD ACTUALLY COMPROMISED  
18 AND BROUGHT THAT NUMBER DOWN, AND ACTUALLY CUT IT IN HALF,  
19 EVEN WHEN THE PRIOR SHERIFF SAID THAT THAT WAS NOT ENOUGH.  
20 WHEN I LOOK AT THE ACTION THAT THIS BOARD IS TAKING, YOU KNOW,  
21 AND I KNOW THAT THERE ARE THOSE OUT THERE THAT HAVE A FALSE  
22 NARRATIVE THAT, BY GETTING RID OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THAT  
23 THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE AN INCREASE SOMEWHERE. I GUARANTEE  
24 YOU, THERE WILL BE A NEED, AND THIS BOARD WILL LOOK AT  
25 INCREASING CAPACITY AT ONE OF OUR EXISTING FACILITIES. SO, FOR



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1 THIS CONTRACT IS SCRAPPED TODAY, WHAT WOULD THE TIMELINE BE IF  
2 WE WERE TO DO A REPLACEMENT? BECAUSE I THINK THE GOAL THAT  
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN HAD WHEN THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS BROUGHT IN  
4 WITH THE MCCARTHY CONTRACT WAS TO DEVELOP A MENTAL HEALTH  
5 TREATMENT FACILITY THAT WAS BLENDED WITH CUSTODY. AND THE  
6 DETAILS HAD TO BE IRONED OUT, BUT, IN FACT, THAT IS WHY WE'RE  
7 HERE TODAY, BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT IRON IT OUT. THERE WAS NO  
8 CONCLUSION AS TO WHAT WAS ACCEPTABLE. SO IF WE HAD TO START  
9 FROM SCRATCH WITH AN E.I.R., WITH, YOU KNOW, A CONSENSUS IN  
10 TERMS OF THE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD, WHAT WOULD THE BEST  
11 ESTIMATE BE FOR COMING BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO REPLACE  
12 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL?

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14 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, THE PROJECT IS OF SUCH SIGNIFICANCE THAT  
15 YOU'RE LOOKING ANYWHERE FROM THREE TO FOUR YEARS BEFORE WE ARE  
16 BACK HERE IN FRONT OF THE BOARD.

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, THREE TO FOUR YEARS. SO, NOW I WOULD LIKE TO  
19 HEAR FROM THE SHERIFF, KNOWING THAT AN ACTION TODAY IS GOING  
20 TO THEN KICK THE CAN THREE TO FOUR YEARS--

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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I HAVE A FEW COMMENTS BEFORE WE GO TO THE  
23 SHERIFF.

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1   **SUP. BARGER:** -- BUT IS GOING TO DELAY MOVING FORWARD WITH  
2   MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND WE ALL AT THIS BOARD KNOW HOW  
3   DANGEROUS MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS. BUT I HAVE CONCERNS, NUMBER  
4   ONE, ABOUT MOVING FORWARD WITH TERMINATING A CONTRACT WHEN, IN  
5   FACT, WE KNOW AS A BOARD THAT WE ARE PUTTING NOT ONLY INMATES'  
6   LIVES AT RISK, BUT SHERIFFS' LIVES AT RISK, AND CUSTODY  
7   ASSISTANTS' LIVES AT RISK EVERY DAY THAT WE ALLOW MEN'S  
8   CENTRAL JAIL TO CONTINUE TO BE OPEN, ALTHOUGH I WILL NOT  
9   SUPPORT SCRAPPING IT UNTIL WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE CAPACITY  
10   TO SUPPORT OUR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AND OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT; NOT  
11   JUST THE SHERIFFS, ALL OF OUR CITIES' PUBLIC POLICE  
12   DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHEN THEY  
13   ARREST SOMEONE AND THAT INDIVIDUAL IS BROUGHT IN. I'M AT A  
14   LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHY THIS BOARD IS AFRAID TO MOVE FORWARD  
15   WITH SOMETHING THAT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION DIVERSION...  
16   TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION DIVERSION. AND I ACKNOWLEDGE,  
17   SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IT DOES NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION BAIL  
18   REFORM. BUT EVEN-- AND AGAIN, I'M TALKING TO THE PEOPLE THAT  
19   ARE AT THE FRONT LINE, AND THEY TELL ME, EVEN WITH BAIL  
20   REFORM, THE NEED TO REBUILD IS STILL THERE. AND SO IT'S GOING  
21   TO COME DOWN TO A "WE CAN AGREE TO DISAGREE" ON THIS, BUT I'M  
22   GOING TO LOOK TO MY CONTRACT CITIES WHO EXPECT US TO PROVIDE  
23   SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE, AND I'M GOING TO LOOK TO  
24   SHERIFF VILLANUEVA TO OFFER HIS ADVICE AND HIS SOUND WORDS, AS



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1 IT RELATES TO WHAT THE ACTUAL NEED IS OUT ON THE STREET. SO

2 WITH THAT--

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE YOUR SOUND WORDS, SHERIFF,

5 I WANTED TO OFFER MY OWN OPENING REMARKS ON THESE ISSUES. AND

6 I APPRECIATE ALL MY COLLEAGUES SO MUCH ON THIS. THERE'S NOT

7 ONE OF US THAT DOESN'T CARE VERY DEEPLY ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY,

8 BUT ALSO ABOUT GIVING PEOPLE THE CARE THAT WE BELIEVE THEY

9 REALLY NEED. AND SO BEFORE US TODAY WE HAVE THESE THREE

10 MOTIONS THAT REALLY WILL CHART THE PATH FORWARD FOR HOW WE

11 RESHAPE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM HERE IN LOS ANGELES

12 COUNTY. THE FIRST MOTION MOVES TO CANCEL THE CONTRACT WITH

13 MCCARTHY. AND, AS HAS ALREADY BEEN STATED, THIS CONTRACT HOLDS

14 US TO AN IDEA OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE THAT REQUIRES US TO SPEND

15 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO BUILD ANOTHER JAIL, AND MANY OF US

16 BELIEVE THAT'S NOT WHAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY NEEDS. WE HAVE HAD

17 A PARADIGM SHIFT ON THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND WHEN I CO-

18 AUTHORED THE MOTION TO CREATE A "CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST" MODEL,

19 IT WAS MY INTENTION TO MOVE FORWARD UNDER THIS CURRENT

20 CONTRACT, AND I THINK, SUPERVISOR BARGER, TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

21 EVERYTHING WE KNEW AT THIS POINT ABOUT DIVERSION, ABOUT MENTAL

22 HEALTH TREATMENT THAT'S BEEN NEEDED SO DESPERATELY IN OUR

23 CUSTODY SITUATIONS, AS WELL AS THE NEEDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO

24 ACTUALLY STILL HAVE SOME CUSTODY. AND DESPITE MCCARTHY'S

25 EFFORTS TO WORK WITH US, I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST THIS



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1 REPORTS, AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT OUR NEXT STEPS  
2 ARE, WHAT OUR PATHWAY FORWARD IS TO BUILD IN CONCRETE THE  
3 VISION THAT THIS BOARD HAS. AND WE HAVE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS  
4 WHO WE ASSUME WILL BE IN THAT WORKING GROUP, BUT OUR HEALTH  
5 DEPARTMENTS, PARTICULARLY OUR MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OUR  
6 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, CERTAINLY, OUR COUNTY  
7 COUNSEL'S GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE DOING THIS CORRECTLY,  
8 OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER, WHO I THINK WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE HERE IN  
9 L.A. COUNTY, HAS A REAL VOICE ON MOVING FORWARD. BUT CLEARLY  
10 THIS WORKING GROUP NEEDS TO INCLUDE OUR SHERIFF, IN MY  
11 OPINION, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE OUR  
12 L.A. COUNTY DEPUTIES ALSO AT THE TABLE. I WANT TO SEE  
13 A.L.A.D.S. AT THE TABLE, HELPING US CREATE THIS VISION. THE  
14 DECISION OF WHAT SHOULD REPLACE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS  
15 DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATED, AND REQUIRES THE INPUT OF ALL THESE  
16 DIFFERENT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. I'M ASKING THAT ALL THESE  
17 DEPARTMENTS PRIORITIZE THIS ISSUE AND REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS  
18 WITH OPTIONS ON HOW WE MOVE FORWARD. AND WE ALSO NEED TO BUILD  
19 UP THE CONTINUUM OF CARE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, OR THIS  
20 WHOLE VISION DOESN'T WORK. AND IN RECENT YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS  
21 TAKEN GROUNDBREAKING STEPS TO INVEST IN DIVERSION AND OTHER  
22 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT  
23 WE HAVE THE CAPACITY AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN OUR COMMUNITIES  
24 TO IMPLEMENT THESE PROGRAMS TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. WE'RE  
25 ALSO ASKING THE C.E.O. TODAY TO EXPLORE SOME REALLOCATION OF



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1 SOME OF THE FUNDS THAT WERE GOING TO BE USED TO BUILD THIS  
2 JAIL, AND PUT THEM, INSTEAD, TOWARDS BUILDING UP OUR CONTINUUM  
3 OF CARE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND FINALLY, THE THIRD MOTION  
4 CALLS FOR MUCH-NEEDED DATA AND RESEARCH ON THE TYPES OF BEDS  
5 AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS THAT WE NEED TO REDUCE OUR JAIL  
6 POPULATION AND PROVIDE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT ARE SO  
7 IMPORTANT. BUT WITHOUT ALL THIS CRITICAL INFORMATION, IN MY  
8 OPINION, WE CAN'T SUCCESSFULLY RESHAPE OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
9 SYSTEM. IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME, IT'S GOING TO TAKE LOTS OF  
10 MONEY TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS, AND IT WILL NOT BE EASY. BUT  
11 I HOPE EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THESE COLLEAGUES THAT I SIT WITH ON  
12 A WEEKLY BASIS HAVE NEVER SHIED AWAY FROM HARD WORK OR A  
13 CHALLENGE. WE'RE COMMITTED TO MOVING FORWARD WITH A DELIBERATE  
14 AND THOUGHTFUL PLAN, AND ONE THAT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE  
15 NEEDS OF THOSE IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND OUR  
16 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. AND WITH THAT, DID ANYBODY-- ANY OF  
17 MY COLLEAGUES WANT TO SPEAK BEFORE THE SHERIFF SPEAKS? DID YOU  
18 WANT TO SAY SOMETHING AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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20 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, AFTER THE SHERIFF SPEAKS, I WANTED TO  
21 ASK OUR HEALTH AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES TO COME AND CHIME IN.

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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. OKAY. SHERIFF,  
24 THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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1   **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. THANK YOU, THE BOARD,  
2   FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND  
3   I WANT TO START WITH WHEN I TOOK OFFICE IN DECEMBER, THE SAME  
4   BOARD WAS ABOUT TO SHIP THE FEMALE INMATE POPULATION TO MIRA  
5   LOMA, AND JUST REPLACE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITH ANOTHER JAIL.  
6   AND I SPOKE INDIVIDUALLY TO EACH OF YOU. WE SPOKE IN GROUP,  
7   AND THANKFULLY THAT PROJECT AT MIRA LOMA WAS CANCELED. IT WAS  
8   THE RIGHT DECISION. AND WHAT BECAME THE MENTAL HEALTH  
9   TREATMENT CENTER WAS AN ADJUSTMENT OF OUR-- A PARADIGM SHIFT.  
10   THAT WAS THE START OF THE PARADIGM SHIFT, WHICH WAS GOOD. IT  
11   WAS HEALTHY. AND JUST REPLACING ONE JAIL WITH ANOTHER JAIL  
12   WASN'T GOING TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE  
13   INCARCERATED. BUT, NOW, A PARADIGM SHIFT CAN SOMETIMES BE A  
14   SHIFT THAT GOES TOO FAR. AND I'M GOING TO POINT OUT SOME  
15   INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT BE AWARE OF, THAT MIGHT  
16   ILLUSTRATE WHERE WE'RE AT. BUT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
17   ENCOURAGES THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
18   HEALTH SERVICES, AND THE BOARD TO ATTEMPT TO CREATE A  
19   COMMUNITY-BASED EFFORT TO REFORM THE JAIL SYSTEM, AS A WHOLE.  
20   DIVERSION IS A PROGRESSIVE APPROACH TO PLACE THOSE THAT CAN BE  
21   REHABILITATED OUTSIDE OF CUSTODY INTO COMMUNITY-BASED  
22   TREATMENT CENTERS. OUR DEPARTMENT IS FULLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS  
23   DIVERSION EFFORT, AND WE WANT TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN AT THE  
24   FRONT END, BECAUSE EVERYONE WHO IS NOW IN THE JAIL SYSTEM GOT  
25   THERE BECAUSE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRST, AND A CALL TO SERVICE;



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1 THAT FIRST INTERACTION IN THE FIELD THAT RESULTS, EVENTUALLY,  
2 INTO AN ARREST, AND THEN NOW SOMEONE IS TRANSPORTED, THEY'RE  
3 IN THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. SO, AT THE FRONT END, WE'RE TRYING  
4 TO FIND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION EVEN BEFORE. SAME THING  
5 WITH OUR JUVENILES. WE'RE TRYING TO FIND WAYS SO THEY DON'T GO  
6 INTO JAIL, THEY DON'T GO INTO THE SYSTEM, THEY ARE NOT A PART  
7 OF PROBATION. WE HAVE TEEN COURTS. WE HAVE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE  
8 MODELS WE'RE PURSUING, SO WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN AT THE  
9 FRONT END TO MINIMIZE PEOPLE COMING INTO THE SYSTEM. BUT ONCE  
10 THEY'RE IN THE SYSTEM, THEN THEY'RE OUR RESPONSIBILITY.  
11 DIVERSION ALONE CANNOT BE APPLIED AS A SOLUTION TO EVERY  
12 INDIVIDUAL IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND THERE ARE  
13 CHALLENGES. THE CRITERIA TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR  
14 DIVERSION-- THAT INCLUDES A CRIMINAL HISTORY, THE SERIOUSNESS  
15 OF THE CRIME, STATE OF MENTAL ILLNESS, ET CETERA-- PROPOSITION  
16 47 CHANGED THE INMATE POPULATION. AND AS A RESULT, THE  
17 MAJORITY OF INMATES HELD ARE FELONS. THIS ALSO INCLUDES A.B.  
18 109, AS YOU MENTIONED, MA'AM, SOLIS. WE HAVE 15,034 INMATES  
19 OUT OF A TOTAL 17,559 AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION WHO ARE HELD ON  
20 FELONIES OR FELONY WOBBLERS. 42 PERCENT ARE CRIMES AGAINST  
21 PERSONS, 4 PERCENT ARE SEX CRIMES, 6 PERCENT ARE WEAPONS  
22 CHARGES, AND 47 PERCENT ARE DRUG, PROPERTY, AND OTHER CRIMES.  
23 INMATES CURRENTLY ONLY SERVE 10 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCE.  
24 APPROXIMATELY 33 PERCENT OF ALL INMATES-- THIS IS ROUGHLY 5700  
25 INMATES-- RECEIVE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT WHILE IN THE COUNTY



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1 JAIL SYSTEM. OUR CURRENT FACILITIES, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WHICH  
2 WAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BE DEMOLISHED DURING THE FOURTH  
3 QUARTER OF 2021, PRIMARILY HOUSES THE HIGH-SECURITY AND  
4 GENERAL POPULATION INMATES. TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
5 HOUSES THE MALE MENTAL HEALTH INMATE POPULATION. CENTURY  
6 REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY HOUSES THE FEMALE HIGH-SECURITY  
7 MENTAL HEALTH GENERAL POPULATION INMATES. AND THE PITCHESS  
8 DETENTION CENTER HOUSES A SMALL NUMBER OF LOWER-ACUITY MALE  
9 MENTAL HEALTH INMATES AND THE MALE GENERAL POPULATION INMATES.  
10 AND I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT BOTH TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL  
11 FACILITY, WHICH WAS COMPLETE IN 1997 AND OCCUPIED IN C.R.D.F.,  
12 WAS COMPLETED AND OCCUPIED IN 1994. BOTH OF THOSE HAVE SERVED  
13 MULTIPLE ROLES. AND WE'VE BEEN REPURPOSED AGAIN AND AGAIN--  
14 MALE POPULATION, FEMALE POPULATION, GENERAL POPULATION, MENTAL  
15 HEALTH POPULATION. SO, IF THERE'S ONE STANDARD THAT WE'VE SEEN  
16 ACROSS THE LAST TWO DECADES, IS EVERY SINGLE FACILITY THAT WE  
17 END UP USING HAS TO BE REPURPOSED AND HAS TO BE FLEXIBLE FOR  
18 THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF THE INMATE POPULATION. THE CURRENT  
19 FACILITIES WERE NOT DESIGNED TO PROVIDE IN-CUSTODY MENTAL  
20 HEALTH TREATMENT, BUT HAVE BEEN REPURPOSED TO ACCOMMODATE THE  
21 GROWING MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION. AT THE SAME TIME, THE A.B.  
22 109 ISSUE AND THEIR WHOLE REALIGNMENT SCHEME FROM THE STATE  
23 HAS CHANGED THE ENTIRE COMPLEXION OF THE INMATE POPULATION, AS  
24 A WHOLE. NOW, THE EFFECTS OF NOT BUILDING THE MENTAL HEALTH  
25 TREATMENT CENTER. THE MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION IS EXPECTED TO



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1 INCREASE AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL INMATE POPULATION. THIS  
2 IS FROM THE STUDY BY THE HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, FROM  
3 AUGUST OF 2015. THEY PROJECTED A NEED FOR APPROXIMATELY 6,700  
4 MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH BEDS BY THE YEAR 2025. THAT MARK WE  
5 WILL NOT BE MEETING. NOT BUILDING THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT  
6 CENTER WILL FORCE THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE HOUSING MEDICAL  
7 AND MENTAL HEALTH INMATES IN ANTIQUATED AND DILAPIDATED  
8 FACILITIES NOT DESIGNED TO SERVE THOSE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.  
9 IF THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER'S NOT BUILT, THE  
10 DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE DIFFICULTIES COMPLYING WITH  
11 CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAWSUIT, WHICH  
12 YOU KNOW IS THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT, AND THAT WILL INVOLVE  
13 ADEQUATE NUMBERS OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, TREATMENT AND  
14 PROGRAMMING SPACES FOR THE POPULATION. DUE TO THE GROWTH OF  
15 THE INMATE POPULATION AND THOSE REQUIRING EXTENDED MEDICAL  
16 SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE FACILITIES  
17 WITH A MINIMUM OF 3,885-BED CAPACITY, AND THAT NUMBER IS 1,000  
18 BEDS LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL PROJECTED NEED WITH THE LOSS OF  
19 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THE DEPARTMENT'S GOAL IS TO PROVIDE A  
20 TREATMENT-CENTRIC, CARE-FIRST MODEL FOR THOSE RESIDING IN THE  
21 LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM, WHICH CANNOT BE DIVERTED. THIS  
22 NEW MODEL SHOULD REFLECT THE NEW PARADIGM, INCORPORATING  
23 DESIGN FEATURES SUCH AS NATURAL LIGHT, DEDICATED TREATMENT AND  
24 PROGRAM SPACE WITHIN THE HOUSING UNITS, CREATING A MORE  
25 NORMATIVE, REHABILITATIVE ATMOSPHERE. NOW, LET ME GIVE YOU



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1 SOME NUMBERS THAT WILL KIND OF GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT WE'RE  
2 LOOKING AT. THIS IS A SNAPSHOT OF CUSTODY RIGHT NOW, AS OF THE  
3 12TH. WE HAVE 2,724 INMATES IN FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT. WE HAVE  
4 1,470 INMATES IN FOR ARMED ROBBERY. WE HAVE MISDEMEANOR  
5 FELONIES, 1,223. HOMICIDE: WE HAVE 1,222 INMATES HERE FOR  
6 HOMICIDE, WHICH IS GREATER THAN THE ENTIRE POPULATION IN YOUR  
7 SEATING AREA, TIMES TWO. WE HAVE SEX FELONIES-- 564. RAPE, WE  
8 HAVE 162. ARSON, 88. ROBBERY, STRONG ARM-- 54. AND 75.3  
9 PERCENT OF THE JAIL POPULATION IS IN FOR A FELONY. AND 14.4  
10 PERCENT OF THE JAIL POPULATION IS IN FOR [INAUDIBLE], AND  
11 THAT'S 2525 INMATES. THIS IS THE ENTIRE JAIL POPULATION. NOW  
12 WE'RE GOING TO BREAK IT DOWN TO WHAT'S INSIDE OUR MENTAL  
13 HEALTH INMATES. THAT'S 5,745 INMATES. OF THOSE, 1,094 ARE IN  
14 FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, 537 IN FOR ROBBERY, 514 FOR OTHER  
15 FELONIES, 392 FOR RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY, 359 FOR CRIMINAL  
16 HOMICIDE, 180 FOR WEAPONS LAWS, 164 FOR SEX FELONIES, 127 FOR  
17 OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILIES. THOSE ARE THE NUMBERS, THE RAW  
18 NUMBERS. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, WHEN THE CLAIM IS THAT YOU CAN  
19 DIVERT 56 PERCENT OF THIS POPULATION, I JUST DON'T SEE HOW,  
20 BECAUSE THE NUMBERS DON'T BEAR OUT. THESE, ESPECIALLY IN THE  
21 HIGH END OF THE FELONY SECTION, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE  
22 DIVERTED. THAT IS A DIRECT THREAT TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY. NOW,  
23 I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU-- LET ME PERSONALIZE IT. WE'LL HAVE ONE  
24 PARTICULAR CASE THAT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT BE AWARE OF. I'LL  
25 REFER TO THIS AS INMATE CHRIS. JULY 25TH OF 2018, HE WAS



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1 ARRESTED BY MARINA DEL REY SHERIFF'S STATION FOR RESIDENTIAL  
2 BURGLARY AND CRIMINAL THREATS. AFTER ARRAIGNMENT, REMANDED  
3 INTO CUSTODY, AND ULTIMATELY RELEASED FROM CUSTODY AS PART OF  
4 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY'S INTERIM HOUSING PROGRAM.  
5 SO THIS WAS ONE MARKED BY O.D.R. FOR DIVERSION. AND THEN HE  
6 WAS RELEASED OCTOBER 26TH OF 2018. KEEP THAT IN MIND. SO, HE  
7 WAS ORIGINALLY ARRESTED JULY 12TH. JULY 24TH, THE MOTHER OF  
8 THE SUSPECT WAS PROVIDED INFORMATION ON HOW TO OBTAIN A  
9 RESTRAINING ORDER, AND THE SUSPECT WAS REMOVED FROM HER  
10 RESIDENCE. ON JULY 24TH, THE SUSPECT RE-ENTERED HER RESIDENCE  
11 TO RETRIEVE BELONGINGS, WHICH IS FINE. BUT WHILE GATHERING  
12 BELONGINGS, HE BECAME HOSTILE AND ARGUMENTATIVE, AND HE  
13 REFUSED TO LEAVE. A FAMILY FRIEND INTERVENED AND HE LEFT  
14 WITHOUT INCIDENT. JULY 24TH. KEEP IN MIND THE TIMEFRAME. THE  
15 SUSPECT BROKE INTO HIS MOTHER'S RESIDENCE BY CRAWLING THROUGH  
16 A FRONT WINDOW OF THE RESIDENCE. HE WAS TOLD TO LEAVE. HE  
17 REFUSED TO LEAVE. THE SUSPECT ATTEMPTED TO PHYSICALLY ASSAULT  
18 HIS MOTHER, CAUSING A BYSTANDER TO INTERVENE. IT WAS A  
19 PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION, A WRESTLE AND A FIGHT. THE SUSPECT  
20 FLED FROM THE RESIDENCE, CLAIMING HE WOULD RETURN AND KILL  
21 THEM. THE VICTIM CALLED MARINA DEL REY SHERIFF'S STATION, AND  
22 A CRIMINAL THREATS REPORT WAS TAKEN. THE MOTHER WAS GRANTED  
23 ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER, WHICH INCLUDED HER  
24 STATEMENT: "ONE DAY HE WILL KILL ME." JULY 25TH, THE NEXT DAY,  
25 DEPUTIES RESPOND FROM MARINA DEL REY STATION, DUE TO PANIC



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1 ALARM. THEY SAW THE BACK DOOR HAD BEEN KICKED IN AND HEARD A  
2 COMMOTION COMING FROM INSIDE THE RESIDENCE. INSIDE THE  
3 RESIDENCE, THEY FOUND THE SUSPECT WAS YELLING AND MUMBLING  
4 INCOHERENTLY. AFTER PROTECTIVE SWEEP, THE SUSPECT WAS PLACED  
5 UNDER ARREST FOR RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY AND CRIMINAL THREATS,  
6 AND WAS BOOKED AT MARINA DEL REY STATION. OKAY. THAT WAS JULY  
7 25TH. THEN HE GOES THROUGH COURT, AND HE WAS PLACED IN HIGH-  
8 OBSERVATION HOUSING, AND THEN HE ULTIMATELY WENT TO DIVERSION  
9 COURT, AND HE WAS DEEMED INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL. COMMITTED  
10 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS. OKAY. OCTOBER 3RD, A  
11 COURT HEARING WAS CONDUCTED. THE PRESIDING JUDGE PETITIONED TO  
12 HAVE THE CASE RESOLVED, AND REQUESTED THAT HE BE RELEASED FROM  
13 CUSTODY WITH A GRANT OF PROBATION. THIS WAS DONE BY THE OFFICE  
14 OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. THE O.D.R. REQUESTED TO HAVE THE  
15 INMATE RELEASED FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CUSTODY, AND  
16 SUBSEQUENTLY HOUSED IN IMMEDIATE INTERIM HOUSING PROGRAM UNTIL  
17 A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING LOCATION WAS LOCATED. THE JUDGE  
18 GRANTED THE REQUEST AND ISSUED A RELEASE ORDER. AND HE WAS  
19 RETURNED TO CUSTODY, EVALUATED MENTALLY, AND THEN HE WAS...  
20 HIS CONDITION HAD DETERIORATED. BUT THEN HE WAS ADVISED OF HIS  
21 PROBATIONARY TERMS AND RELEASE, RETURNED TO HOUSING, AND AN  
22 INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICE PROVIDER LOCATED SUITABLE  
23 HOUSING. THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER RECEIVED--  
24  
25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SHERIFF, IS THERE AN END TO THIS STORY?



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2     **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YES, THERE IS. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.]

3     [LOUD CHEERS.]

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5     **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** I'M COMING TO THE END, MA'AM.

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7     **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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9     **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** I'M COMING TO THE END.

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11    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. COME TO THE END.

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13    **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** OKAY. HE WAS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY...

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15    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, QUIET.

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17    **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** AND TRANSPORTED TO PERMANENT HOUSING  
18    SOMEWHERE IN LOS ANGELES. MARCH 19TH, 2019, DEPUTIES FROM  
19    MARINA DEL REY RESPOND TO A LOCATION IN LOS ANGELES IN THEIR  
20    AREA, REGARDING A VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER CALL. THE  
21    INFORMANT STATED HER SON WAS AT HER RESIDENCE, IN VIOLATION OF  
22    HER RESTRAINING ORDER. UPON THE DEPUTY'S ARRIVAL, A MALE  
23    SUSPECT WAS OBSERVED RUNNING AWAY FROM THE LOCATION. A SHORT  
24    FOOT PURSUIT WAS INITIATED. SUSPECT WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY  
25    WITHOUT INCIDENT. AS THE DEPUTIES RETURNED TO THE LOCATION,



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1 THEY SAW THE VICTIM LAYING IN A PUDDLE OF BLOOD IN THE CORNER  
2 OF THE GARAGE. DEPUTY PERSONNEL BEGAN TO MEDICALLY TREAT THE  
3 VICTIM BY APPLYING DIRECT PRESSURE TO THE 11 STAB/SLASHING  
4 WOUNDS IN HER TORSO AREA. L.A. COUNTY FIRE PERSONNEL ARRIVED  
5 TO THE LOCATION, BEGAN TO TREAT THE VICTIM, WHO WAS CONSCIOUS  
6 BUT IN SHOCK. DEPUTIES CONTACTED THE WITNESS, WHO PROVIDED  
7 THEM WITH AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT OCCURRED. WITNESS STATED THAT SHE  
8 AND THE VICTIM WERE SITTING IN THE DINING ROOM WHEN THEY HEARD  
9 A KNOCK ON THE FRONT DOOR. THE VICTIM LOOKED OUTSIDE AND SAW  
10 HER SON STANDING ON THE PORCH. THE VICTIM IMMEDIATELY CALLED  
11 THE STATION AND REQUESTED THEM TO RESPOND. THE VICTIM TOLD THE  
12 SUSPECT THROUGH THE CLOSED DOOR THAT SHE WANTED HIM TO LEAVE  
13 AND THAT SHE CALLED THE SHERIFF'S STATION. THE SUSPECT  
14 SUDDENLY BECAME HOSTILE AND STARTED TO KICK OPEN THE FRONT  
15 DOOR. FEARING FOR THEIR SAFETY, THE WITNESSES AND THE VICTIM  
16 FLED FROM THE DINING ROOM AND INTO THE GARAGE. THE VICTIM  
17 CLOSED THE INTERIOR GARAGE DOOR, AT WHICH TIME THEY HEARD THE  
18 SUSPECT ENTERING THE KITCHEN. THE SUSPECT BEGAN TO PUSH OPEN  
19 THE GARAGE DOOR, WHICH WAS BEING HELD BY THE WITNESS AND THE  
20 VICTIM. IMAGINE THEIR PANIC, WHERE THEY'RE TRYING TO HOLD THE  
21 GARAGE DOOR SHUT WHILE THIS--

22  
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I MEAN, I THINK WE UNDERSTAND. LISTEN,  
24 AUDIENCE. I WANT TO GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO KIND OF WRAP  
25 THIS UP AND TELL US WHAT YOU WANT US TO HEAR TODAY.



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2     **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO, MA'AM. THIS  
3     STORY... GRAPHIC, VERY PERSONAL, HEART-WRENCHING, AND IT  
4     ILLUSTRATES THE PITFALLS AND THE DARK SIDE OF DIVERSION. IT  
5     CAN BE DANGEROUS, IT CAN BE DEADLY, AND IT ALMOST WAS FOR THIS  
6     LADY. THE QUESTION IS, HOW FAR DO YOU WANT TO GO AND ROLL THE  
7     DICE ON DIVERSION? WHEN THE POPULATION CHANGED BECAUSE OF A.B.  
8     109, WE DON'T HAVE THE PEOPLE THAT PEOPLE THINK IN THE GENERAL  
9     POPULATION. IN THE COMMUNITY, PEOPLE THINK THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE  
10    IN FOR MISDEMEANOR CRIMES, PROPERTY CRIMES, THAT SOMEHOW THEY  
11    CAN BE DIVERTED SUCCESSFULLY. NO. IT'S A CALCULATED DECISION  
12    TO DIVERT SOMEONE WHO WAS IN FOR A SERIOUS FELONY. AND THERE'S  
13    A LOT OF PLAYERS INVOLVED HERE: THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE  
14    PROBATION DEPARTMENT, O.D.R., NOW, IN THIS CASE. SO THERE CAN  
15    BE DEADLY OUTCOMES. THE QUESTION IS, HOW WILLING ARE YOU TO  
16    BALANCE THE NEED FOR DIVERSION, WHICH IS IMPORTANT, WITH THE  
17    SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY? AND THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT  
18    CENTER IS THAT BALANCING POINT. I ENCOURAGE EACH AND EVERY ONE  
19    OF YOU TO STAY THE COURSE. BUILD THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT  
20    CENTER FOR WHAT IT STANDS FOR. ULTIMATELY, IF DIVERSION IS  
21    SUCCESSFUL, WE'RE GOING TO DEPOPULATE IT TO THE POINT THAT  
22    THEN WE CAN REPURPOSE IT TO GET THE FEMALE INMATE POPULATION  
23    IN C.R.D.F. INTO THE M.H.T.C., AND WE CAN DO A LOT OF THE  
24    RESHUFFLING, AND WE CAN SHUT DOWN PITCHESS NORTH, PITCHESS  
25    EAST, PITCHESS SOUTH, AND WE CAN THEN START CONSOLIDATING,



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1 HAVE ALL OF OUR INMATE POPULATION IN MODERN FACILITIES THAT  
2 ARE MORE AMENABLE TO THEIR TREATMENT. SO WE HAVE TO THINK BIG,  
3 AND WE CAN'T BE THINKING SO SMALL. THAT'S MY MESSAGE.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF, AND I APPRECIATE THAT. I  
6 CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR MYSELF, I CAN'T SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUES,  
7 BUT I KNOW, FOR ME, CERTAINLY, PUBLIC SAFETY IS FIRST AND  
8 FOREMOST IN MY MIND EVERY DAY, AND ANYTHING I DO MOVING  
9 FORWARD WILL TRY TO STRIKE THAT BALANCE. AND I WISH WE COULD  
10 HAVE BUILT THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER, TRUST ME.  
11 THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO BUILD, AND I FELT IT DID STRIKE A  
12 BALANCE. BUT, YOU KNOW, WE WERE TOLD THAT WE JUST COULDN'T  
13 BUILD THAT PARTICULAR FACILITY UNDER THIS CURRENT CONTRACT, SO  
14 THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY. BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR  
15 WORDS, SHERIFF, AND I EXPECT YOU TO BE INVOLVED AS WE MOVE  
16 FORWARD FROM TODAY, IN HELPING US DECIDE WHAT TO DO.  
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I KNOW YOU WANT TO HAVE THE DOCTORS.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, AND I ALSO WANT TO ASK JUDGE ESPINOZA, WHO  
20 REPRESENTS O.D.R., TO COME. WE'LL HAVE SOME QUESTIONS  
21 REGARDING THE WORK THAT HE'S DONE. AND I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT  
22 TO TALK ABOUT THE DARK SIDE OF CUSTODY, OR ANYTHING RELATED TO  
23 THAT. I THINK WE'RE HERE TO TRY TO TALK ABOUT SOME POSITIVE  
24 THINGS-- HEALING, CARE FIRST. SO I WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR  
25 EXPERTS. AND, JUDGE, MAYBE WE CAN START WITH YOU, SINCE YOUR



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1 VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT WE'RE ALSO  
2 LOOKING AT THAT OTHER POPULATION.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'M AFRAID TO ASK IF THERE'S ANY MORE  
5 COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES. I WANT TO THANK, CERTAINLY, OUR  
6 DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE BEEN HERE. THANK YOU TO THE SHERIFF FOR  
7 BEING HERE. AND AT THIS POINT, WE WILL MOVE TO THOSE 225  
8 PEOPLE THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ISSUE. MADAM  
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
10 THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE  
13 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR  
14 NAME: ANDRE QUINTERO, ADELE ANDRADE STADLER, JOEL BRASLOW,  
15 COLIN DIAS, MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON, EUGENE MOY, JOHNNY  
16 TORRES, ADAM ZARAGOZA, MIA MORENO, DIEGO RODRIGUES, REY  
17 RODRIGUEZ, JOHN VELASCO, HECTOR PEREZ PACHECO, EDWARD CHANG,  
18 KEVIN CHEN, TIM KORNEGAY, JEANETTE ELLIS ROYSTON, AND JUSTIN  
19 MARKS. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOU'VE DONE SO WELL SO FAR, AUDIENCE.  
22 I'M VERY PLEASED THAT WE'VE ALL BEEN ABLE TO GIVE EVERYONE  
23 RESPECT. NOW COMES THE HARD PART: ACTUALLY GIVING MEMBERS OF  
24 THE PUBLIC THE SAME KIND OF RESPECT. AND SINCE THERE'S 225 OF  
25 YOU, WE'RE GIVING YOU ONE MINUTE. AND I KNOW THAT SEEMS THAT

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2                   **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019 ON PAGE 281]**

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5                   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.

6                   EVERYBODY IS -- GOOD MORNING. SETTLE DOWN. WE HAVE A LONG DAY.

7                   GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. AND WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY

8                   SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF

9                   SUPERVISORS. TODAY, UNBELIEVABLY, IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST,

10                  2019. THIS YEAR'S GOING BY FAST, NOT FAST ENOUGH FOR ME. WE

11                  TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT AND

12                  THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE

13                  OFFICER, AND OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE

14                  WILL NOW BEGIN WITH THE INVOCATION LED BY THE REVEREND DENYSE

15                  BARNES, ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT THE HOLLYWOOD UNITED METHODIST

16                  CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND THAT WILL BE

17                  FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY KENNETH GONZALES,

18                  MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 51 FROM THE CITY OF LOS

19                  ANGELES IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE THIS MORNING,

20                  PLEASE STAND.

21

22                  **REV. DENYSE BARNES:** GRACIOUS AND LOVING CREATOR. AS WE GATHER

23                  TOGETHER TODAY IN GRATITUDE, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY AND

24                  ABUNDANT BLESSINGS. THANK YOU FOR LIFE ITSELF, FOR THE MEASURE

25                  OF HEALTH WE NEED TO FULFILL OUR CALLINGS, FOR SUSTENANCE, AND



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1 FOR FRIENDSHIP. THANK YOU FOR THE ABILITY TO BE INVOLVED IN  
 2 USEFUL WORK AND FOR THE HONOR OF BEARING APPROPRIATE  
 3 RESPONSIBILITIES. THANKS, AS WELL, FOR THE FREEDOM TO EMBRACE  
 4 YOU OR THE FREEDOM TO REJECT YOU. THANK YOU FOR LOVING US EVEN  
 5 SO FROM YOUR BOUNDLESS AND GRACIOUS NATURE. WE KNOW FROM YOUR  
 6 GUIDANCE THAT CITIZENS OUGHT TO OBEY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES  
 7 IN ORDER TO PROMOTE PEACE AND ORDER AND JUSTICE. THEREFORE, I  
 8 PRAY FOR EVERYONE GATHERED HERE TODAY AND ASK THAT YOU WOULD  
 9 GRACIOUSLY GRANT THEM WISDOM TO GOVERN AMID THE CONFLICTING  
 10 INTERESTS AND ISSUES OF OUR TIMES, A SENSE OF THE WELFARE AND  
 11 TRUE NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE, A KEEN THIRST FOR JUSTICE AND  
 12 RIGHTNESS, CONFIDENCE IN WHAT IS GOOD AND FITTING, THE ABILITY  
 13 TO WORK TOGETHER IN HARMONY EVEN WHEN THERE IS HONEST  
 14 DISAGREEMENT, PERSONAL PEACE IN THEIR LIVES, AND JOY IN THEIR  
 15 TASK. I PRAY FOR THE AGENDA SET BEFORE THEM TODAY. HELP THEM  
 16 TO CONSIDER THE GOOD OF ALL AS THEY GO ABOUT THEIR WORK. BE  
 17 WITH THEM AS THEY MAKE THEIR DECISIONS, GUIDING THEM TO BE  
 18 WISE AND JUST, FAIR AND HONEST. IT IS IN YOUR MOST BLESSED  
 19 NAME I PRAY, AMEN.

20

21 **KENNETH GONZALES:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND PLACE  
 22 YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU MAY  
 23 RENDER A HAND SALUTE. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF  
 24 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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1 VICTIMIZED BY SCAMMERS. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE BEEN  
2 WORKING TOWARDS FOR I THINK SOME TIME. WE COULDN'T GET IT ALL  
3 DONE IN SACRAMENTO, BUT WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN TO DO THAT HERE  
4 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE ALSO SAW AN INCREASE OF \$3  
5 MILLION AND NINE POSITIONS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE  
6 PREVENTION, WHICH WILL PROVIDE TRAUMA-INFORMED WORK AND HELP  
7 TO REDUCE RISING GANG VIOLENCE. AND I WANT TO underscore THAT  
8 BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN AN UP TICK IN EAST, IN AZUSA, AND  
9 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LA PUENTE AND BASSETT. THIS IS  
10 SOMETHING THAT I HOPE THAT THE SHERIFF AND HIS TEAM WILL FOCUS  
11 ON MORE READILY BECAUSE WE DO NEED TO PUT ALL OF OUR EFFORTS  
12 TOWARDS THAT. AND, FINALLY, THE BUDGET REALLOCATES THE FUNDING  
13 THAT HAD BEEN DEDICATED TO THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER  
14 AND A LARGER JAIL PLAN AND DIRECTS THE BUDGET TO ADDRESS ONE-  
15 TIME INTERIM REPORTS AT EXISTING CUSTODY FACILITIES AND  
16 DEDICATES FUNDING TO SYSTEMS OF CARE AND ALTERNATIVES TO  
17 INCARCERATION AS WAS underscored BY OUR CHAIRWOMAN. IN AUGUST,  
18 WHEN THIS BOARD BOLDLY VOTED TO TERMINATE THE MCCARTHY JAIL  
19 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, IT SIGNIFIES THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT  
20 PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
21 DISORDERS CAN'T IMPROVE, MUCH LESS THRIVE, WHILE BEING LOCKED  
22 UP IN A JAIL CELL. AND THEREFORE, THEIR CHANCES OF SUCCESSFUL  
23 INTEGRATION BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITIES AND WITH THEIR FAMILIES  
24 AFTER THEY RELEASE IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY. ULTIMATELY, THIS MEANS  
25 THAT THEY'LL CYCLE BACK INTO INCARCERATION, HOMELESSNESS, OR



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1 ALL RECOGNIZE THAT WHAT'S TAKING PLACE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
2 NEEDS TO BE FOCUSED AND SUPPORTED BOTH FINANCIALLY AS WELL AS  
3 THROUGH HUMAN RESOURCE EFFORTS. AND AT SOME POINT, SACHI, I  
4 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THIS BOARD TO UNDERSTAND WHERE WE ARE  
5 IN TITLE 4-E, BECAUSE WHILE THAT'S NOT DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE  
6 ANTELOPE VALLEY, IT IMPACTS ALL OF D.C.F.S. AS WELL AS  
7 PROBATION. AND WE'VE ALL BEEN VERY ENGAGED AND FOCUSED ON WHAT  
8 WASHINGTON'S GOING DO WITH THAT FUNDING. WE ARE CONSTANTLY  
9 REMINDED THAT OUR BOARD IS A SAFETY NET FOR THOSE IN NEED. AND  
10 THIS BUDGET IS PROOF THAT WE ALL CARE A LOT ABOUT THOSE THAT  
11 ARE VULNERABLE. PUBLIC SAFETY IS AT THE CORE OF EVERYTHING WE  
12 DO. AND ADDING FUNDING FOR RECRUITMENT IN THE SHERIFF'S  
13 DEPARTMENT IS CRITICAL TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH DEPUTIES  
14 TO PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUING  
15 CONVERSATION WITH OUR SHERIFF, WHO I'D LIKE TO PUBLICLY THANK  
16 FOR BEING HERE TODAY. YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT PARTNER AS WE ROLL  
17 OUT OUR BUDGET. AND EACH ONE OF US HAS, IN OUR DISTRICT, AREAS  
18 THAT ARE PROTECTED BY L.A.S.D. AND SO I REALLY DO APPRECIATE  
19 YOU BEING HERE TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER. IT'S  
20 CRITICAL THAT WE ARE ALLOCATED 12.5 MILLION IN FUNDING TO  
21 MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES WHERE WE NEED IT THE MOST, IN OUR  
22 SCHOOLS. AND, AGAIN, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
23 THOMAS, I KNOW YOU WORKING WITH L.A. UNIFIED, BUT THIS BOARD  
24 HAS PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS AS IT RELATES TO  
25 SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND RECOGNIZING THAT MENTAL



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1 IDENTIFIED THEY HAD PUT OUT \$16 MILLION OF COSTS. SO WE DID  
 2 FUND THEM FOR THAT. THEIR JUDGMENT AND DAMAGES, THIS IS WHERE  
 3 THEY HAVE LAWSUITS AND SETTLEMENTS. WE ALSO WORKED VERY  
 4 CLOSELY WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS COUNTY  
 5 COUNSEL AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE END  
 6 OF CLOSING THE BOOKS TO SEE WHERE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS,  
 7 WHAT TYPES OF CASES ARE COMING THROUGH, AND WE ENSURE THAT IF  
 8 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CASES THAT WOULD BE PAID THROUGH THE  
 9 FISCAL YEAR, THAT WE WOULD ADD THE COSTS OR ADD THE REVENUE  
 10 BACK IN FOR THEM, WHICH WE DID AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR.  
 11 SO THE REVISED NET COUNTY COSTS OVERAGE 63.4 MILLION. IF YOU  
 12 GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, I THINK WHEN WE LOOK AT THE SHERIFF'S  
 13 DEPARTMENT, AND AGAIN THERE ARE SO MANY FACETS TO A BUDGET,  
 14 BUT THIS IS JUST AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL SCREENSHOT, ONE OF THE  
 15 CONCERNS IS THAT IF YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF VACANT DEPUTY  
 16 POSITIONS GOING BACK TO WHEN THE SHERIFF FIRST STARTED,  
 17 DECEMBER OF '18, THERE WERE VACANT DEPUTY POSITIONS OF  
 18 APPROXIMATELY 477 TO NOW IN AUGUST OF 2019, THERE'S  
 19 APPROXIMATELY 340. AND I WILL GET INTO THOSE NUMBERS. I'LL  
 20 BACKTRACK IN A MOMENT, BUT THE IMPORTANT THING WHAT I WANTED  
 21 TO SHOW HERE IS THAT AS DEPUTY POSITIONS ARE BEING FILLED, THE  
 22 OVERTIME IS ESCALATING. AND SO THERE SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING  
 23 GOING ON WITHIN THE OVERTIME BUDGET. AND THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO  
 24 WORK CLOSELY WITH BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS THE AUDITOR-  
 25 CONTROLLER TO FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THEIR OVERTIME



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1 BUDGET. BUT YOU CAN SEE FROM JULY OF '18 TO JULY OF '19, THE  
2 BUDGET DID GO UP BY APPROXIMATELY 1 MILLION. ONE OF THE THINGS  
3 THAT THE SHERIFF AND I HAD TALKED ABOUT, AND I THINK FROM THE  
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHEN THE SHERIFF CAME IN, WHEN WE TALK  
5 ABOUT VACANCIES, THE FORMER SHERIFF HAD LISTED THE VACANCIES  
6 AT 477. AND SO AGAIN IN THE FIRST COLUMN, WE UTILIZED THE 477.  
7 WITH THE CURRENT SHERIFF, WHAT HE'S SAYING -- EXCUSE ME. LET  
8 ME GO BACK. ON THE VACANT DEPUTY POSITIONS, THE FORMER SHERIFF  
9 WOULD SAY, ACTUALLY, IF YOU TOOK THE TWO NUMBERS, THE TRAINING  
10 DEPUTIES THAT ARE GOING THROUGH THE TRAINING COURSE, THE  
11 FORMER SHERIFF WOULD ACTUALLY SAY HE HAD 170 VACANCIES IN  
12 DECEMBER OF 2018. HE BASICALLY ACCOUNTED FOR THE TRAINING  
13 DEPUTIES TO FILL A VACANT DEPUTY SPOT. BUT WE DO UNDERSTAND  
14 WHAT OUR CURRENT SHERIFF IS SAYING IS THAT THOSE SPOTS ARE NOT  
15 FILLED. WE'RE STILL HOLDING THE POSITION VACANT FOR THE  
16 TRAINEES TO COME OUT. SO THERE MAY BE OVERTIME NEEDED UNTIL  
17 SOMEBODY ACTUALLY FILLS THE POSITION. SO WE JUST WANTED TO  
18 MAKE SURE THAT WE REFLECTED ALL OF THE NUMBERS HERE. BUT,  
19 AGAIN, I THINK THE TAKEAWAY FROM THIS SLIDE IS THAT THE DEPUTY  
20 POSITIONS ARE DECREASING. AND THIS SHERIFF HAS DONE A GOOD JOB  
21 IN FILLING THE POSITIONS. BUT, YET, OVERTIME, IS RISING. ONE  
22 THING I DID NOT PUT UP, AND I WILL MENTION, AND I THINK THAT  
23 IT'S BEEN A QUESTION FOR ME IS THAT, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS,  
24 THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET PARTICULARLY IN THE  
25 OVERTIME AREA HAS REALLY BEEN EXCESSIVE AND EXCEEDS ITS



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1 BIG PICTURE WHERE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STANDS. IF YOU LOOK  
2 AT ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, THE NEXT CLOSEST DEPARTMENT WHO  
3 RECEIVES NET COUNTY COSTS WOULD BE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND  
4 THAT GOES DOWN TO ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE N.C.C. SO I JUST  
5 WANTED THAT AS A FRAME OF REFERENCE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR  
6 AND SUPERVISORS.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DID YOU WANT THE AUDITOR-  
9 CONTROLLER TO --

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WANTED TO FIRST MAKE MY STATEMENT AND THEN ASK  
12 QUESTIONS.

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS:** BUT WE COULD DO THAT. AND AGAIN --

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ACTUALLY, I WILL LET ALL MY COLLEAGUES SPEAK  
19 AT THIS POINT. AND THEN OF COURSE, AGAIN, THANK YOU TO THE  
20 SHERIFF FOR BEING HERE, AND WE'LL HAVE THE SHERIFF SPEAK AFTER  
21 I LET MY COLLEAGUES SPEAK. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU TO OUR  
24 C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI FOR THAT BUDGET DESCRIPTION. I THINK IT'S  
25 REALLY CRITICAL FOR THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE ARE



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1 MOST DISCONCERTING IS THAT THE ISSUE CAME UP EARLIER IN THE  
 2 FISCAL YEAR AS YOU OUTLINED IN YOUR PRESENTATION. THERE ARE  
 3 CERTAIN POINTS WHERE THE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES THE C.E.O. WHEN  
 4 THERE ARE BUMPS IN THE ROAD. AND THAT'S A NORMAL PROCESS THAT  
 5 EVERY DEPARTMENT GOES THROUGH. BUT I BELIEVE THAT WHAT HAS  
 6 HAPPENED HERE IS THAT WE DIDN'T GET BACK, QUITE FRANKLY, A  
 7 BUDGET MITIGATION PLAN AT THESE CRUCIAL PLACES. SO, YES WE  
 8 IDENTIFIED THERE WERE SHORTFALLS, BUT I'M NOT SURE THAT WE GOT  
 9 ANYTHING BACK FROM THE SHERIFF'S TEAM IN TERMS OF ANY BUDGET  
 10 REMEDIES OR CORRECTIVE PLAN OF ACTION. SO THAT'S WHAT I AM  
 11 CONCERNED ABOUT. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THIS MOTION HERE TODAY. I  
 12 KNOW THAT EVERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT, THEY DON'T OPERATE  
 13 INDEPENDENTLY. SO WE ALL HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS IN TERMS OF HOW  
 14 WE ARE ALL INTERCONNECTED BECAUSE, QUITE FRANKLY, WHEN WE HAVE  
 15 TO PUT GENERAL FUND MONEY IN, IT MEANS THAT WE'RE GOING TO  
 16 NOT, THEN, BE SPENDING ON OTHER SERVICES THAT ARE OF VITAL  
 17 CONCERN, SOME OF WHICH YOU HEARD ALREADY OUTLINED IN TERMS OF  
 18 WHAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE, HOMELESSNESS, HEALTHCARE, CHILDCARE,  
 19 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TREATMENT OF OUR CHILDREN WHO ARE CURRENTLY  
 20 IN OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES UNITS. ALL OF THOSE THINGS  
 21 MATTER TO US. SO WHEN ONE DEPARTMENT STRUGGLES, THAT ALSO,  
 22 THEN, REQUIRES US TO COME TOGETHER AS A BOARD BECAUSE WE HAVE  
 23 A FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, A FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY, AS WELL  
 24 AS OUR C.E.O., TO MAKE SURE THE BUDGET HOLD. BUT ALL I CAN  
 25 TELL YOU IS I WAS QUITE SURPRISED WHEN I KNOW SAW THIS



## THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 BALLOONING DEFICIT OCCUR, AND THAT'S WHAT CAUSED ME, THEN, TO  
 2 SAY WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO RECTIFY IT. NOT TO IMPINGE OR  
 3 SAY THAT SOMEBODY IS NOT DOING THEIR JOB, BUT HOW CAN WE DO IT  
 4 BETTER? HOW CAN WE ENSURE OR PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING  
 5 AGAIN? AND I THINK ALL OF US HERE AS A BOARD LOOK TO THE  
 6 C.E.O. AND HER ABLE STAFF AND OUR AUDITOR AND OUR COUNTY  
 7 COUNSEL IN HOW WE CAN TRY TO RECTIFY THAT AND WHAT PLANS WE  
 8 HAVE USED WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE THIS ISN'T THE ONLY  
 9 ONE THAT WE'VE HAD ISSUES WITH IN THE PAST, BUT I WILL TELL  
 10 YOU THIS IS THE ONE THAT IS MORE STAGGERING SINCE I'VE BEEN ON  
 11 THIS BOARD. **AND THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE THAT IT REQUIRES OUR**  
 12 **JUSTIFICATION IN MAKING SURE THAT WE DO THE RIGHT THING AND**  
 13 **THAT WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE SHERIFF AND HIS STAFF AND THAT**  
 14 **WE ARE LOOKING AT NOT JUST APPLES AND ORANGES, BUT THAT WE'RE**  
 15 **UNDERSTANDING TRULY WHERE WE ARE GOING AS WE MOVE AHEAD**  
 16 **BECAUSE THE LAST THING I WANT TO SEE IS THAT WE ARE NOT**  
 17 **PROVIDING THE NEEDED SECURITY AND THE SWORN OFFICERS ON THE**  
 18 **GROUND.** I THINK EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS  
 19 ITEM BEFORE US RIGHT NOW IS NOT ABOUT TAKING AWAY THE SAFETY  
 20 AND SECURITY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. SOME OF YOU HEARD ME A  
 21 LITTLE BIT EARLIER SAYING THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
 22 INCREASE IN GANG VIOLENCE IN EAST L.A., IN BASSETT, AZUSA. AND  
 23 IT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNTY. SO THIS IN NO WAY IS A  
 24 MESSAGE TO SAY THAT WE DON'T WANT TO SEE COPS ON THE BEAT.  
 25 THIS IS IN NO WAY SAYING THAT WE WANT TO SEE SWORN OFFICERS.



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1 ALL WE'RE SAYING IS WE WANT TO TAKE SOME REMEDIATION,  
 2 MITIGATION. AND WE WANT TO COME UP WITH WHAT CAN WORK BEST, TO  
 3 COME UP WITH EFFICIENCIES SO THAT OUR BUDGET, OUR BUDGETS THAT  
 4 WE HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN AND CAREFUL STEWARDS OF BECAUSE IT'S  
 5 NOT OUR MONEY, IT'S THE TAXPAYERS' DOLLAR, AND THE TAXPAYERS  
 6 IN SOME CASES ARE UPSET THAT THEY'RE NOT GETTING THEIR FULL  
 7 BENEFIT OF HOW THESE DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT. SO WE HAVE TO  
 8 REEL THAT IN. AND I BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE  
 9 TODAY. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE HAVE DONE, AT LEAST I  
 10 BELIEVE ON OUR PART, AND SACHI OUTLINED THAT, THAT WHILE WE  
 11 DO HAVE THE DEFICIT OF \$63.4 MILLION, THAT WE HAVE GIVEN SOME  
 12 GENEROUS SUPPORT TO THIS SHERIFF, INCLUDING \$16 MILLION THAT  
 13 THE C.E.O. HAS FORGIVEN THE SHERIFF AND THINGS THAT WE ADDED  
 14 BECAUSE OF THE WOOLSEY FIRE. I MEAN, AS SHE JUST OUTLINED, WE  
 15 DON'T USUALLY GET THIS MONEY FROM THE FEDS UNTIL A YEAR LATER.  
 16 SO WE'RE FAST FORWARDING. WE'RE ACTUALLY ADVANCING MONEY. THAT  
 17 SAYS SOMETHING. THAT SAYS THAT WE CARE ABOUT THE BUDGET. AND  
 18 ALSO THE 10.8 MILLION IN FORGIVEN LITIGATION COSTS, THOSE ARE  
 19 LAWSUITS THAT ARE ALLEGED OR PUT FORWARD. NOT ALLEGED, THEY'RE  
 20 ACTUALLY THERE. THEY'RE REAL. AND SOMEONE HAS TO PAY FOR THEM.  
 21 WELL, WE'RE PAYING FOR THAT, KNOWING THAT THERE'S STILL A  
 22 DEFICIT. SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE'RE DOING A LOT  
 23 MORE. AND EVEN IN THIS BUDGET THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT  
 24 NOW. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT \$2 MILLION IN THE COUNTY GENERAL  
 25 FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITMENT EFFORTS FOR



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1 SHERIFF DEPUTIES. SO WE'RE NOT HOLDING BACK. WE'RE ACTUALLY  
 2 PUTTING IN WHAT WEEK, BUT WE'RE DOING IT I THINK IN A VERY  
 3 COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER. THERE'S ALSO 4.7 MILLION DOLLARS FROM A  
 4 VARIETY OF FUNDING SOURCES FOR 50 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS TO  
 5 ADDRESS THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. THAT'S  
 6 50 MORE POSITIONS THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE. SO I WOULD SAY THAT  
 7 WHEN PEOPLE THINK WE'RE NOT SUPPORTING OUR SHERIFF'S  
 8 DEPARTMENT, I'M HERE TO SAY THAT I THINK WE'RE DOING THE VERY  
 9 BEST THAT WE CAN AND THAT WE WANT TO CONTINUE THAT EFFORT AND  
 10 BE VERY PRUDENT ABOUT IT AND MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE THE  
 11 COOPERATION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THAT WE SEND A  
 12 MESSAGE TO ALL OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT WE WON'T  
 13 ALLOW -- WE WON'T ALLOW FOR THIS KIND OF BALLOONING DEFICIT TO  
 14 GO ON. WE CAN'T. IF WE DID THAT, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE COME UP  
 15 WITH, SAY, A BAD RECESSION? AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE MONEY  
 16 SET ASIDE FOR THOSE PARTICULAR AREAS THAT WE KNOW ARE OF GREAT  
 17 CONCERN. WE HAVE THOSE OBLIGATIONS, AND THAT'S WHAT WE TAKE  
 18 OUR OATH SERIOUSLY TO BE ABLE TO UPHOLD. SO I THINK THERE'S A  
 19 GREAT DEAL OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT LAYS ON THIS BOARD AS WELL  
 20 AS OUR C.E.O. AND WE DO KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF HAS A  
 21 CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT OUR PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
 22 SAFETY. SO IN NO WAY DOES THIS MOTION IN ANY WAY TRY TO  
 23 MINIMIZE THE PROTECTION OF SWORN OFFICERS THAT WE WOULD HAVE  
 24 FOR PATROL. THAT'S THE LAST THING BECAUSE I KNOW SOME OF US  
 25 HERE EVEN PAY OUT OF OUR OWN FUNDS TO HAVE ADDITIONAL SHERIFFS



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1 IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. I KNOW I DO. AND I'VE HAD THAT  
 2 CONVERSATION WITH THE SHERIFF. SO I WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND  
 3 -- SACHI, THANK YOU FOR THIS PRESENTATION, BUT COULD YOU  
 4 PLEASE GO OVER SOME OF THE NON-SWORN POSITIONS THAT WE'RE  
 5 LOOKING AT IN TERMS OF POTENTIALLY HOLDING OFF ON HIRING? CAN  
 6 YOU JUST DESCRIBE WHAT THAT WOULD BE?

7

8 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** SO I THINK TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION BEST IS THE  
 9 POSITIONS THAT WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM YOUR MOTION. AND CLEARLY  
 10 IN YOUR MOTION YOU INDICATED THE EXEMPT POSITIONS WOULD BE  
 11 SWORN. SO THOSE WOULD BE DEPUTY SHERIFFS, SERGEANTS, ALL SWORN  
 12 STAFF. BUT WE WOULD ALSO EXEMPT CUSTODY ASSISTANTS,  
 13 CRIMINALISTS, FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SPECIALISTS, SECURITY  
 14 OFFICERS, AND SECURITY ASSISTANTS. SO THE POSITIONS THAT WOULD  
 15 BE FROZEN ARE MORE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** CLERICAL, OFFICE, OR DATA INPUT IN SOME WAY?

18

19 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY, I JUST WANT THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THAT  
 22 BECAUSE I BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF MISINFORMATION ABOUT  
 23 WHERE THIS PARTICULAR MOTION WAS GOING. ALSO, I WANTED TO ASK  
 24 YOU HOW DOES THE DEFICIT IMPACT THE COUNTY'S \$36 BILLION  
 25 BUDGET OVERALL?



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1     THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O., IT MANDATES THAT YOU'RE THE STEWARDS  
 2     OF THE BUDGET. AND THAT FACT IS ESTABLISHED BY THE CALIFORNIA  
 3     CONSTITUTION, THE COUNTY CHARTER, THE L.A. COUNTY CODE, STATE  
 4     LAW. YOU ARE THE STEWARDS OF THE BUDGET. OTHER LAW MANDATES  
 5     THAT THE BOARD AND ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OR  
 6     OTHERWISE, CAN ONLY SPEND THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IS  
 7     APPROPRIATED TO THEM PER BUDGET UNIT. AND WHEN THEY DON'T DO  
 8     THAT, THEN THE CONSEQUENCES ARE, AS WHAT THE C.E.O. IN THIS  
 9     MOTION PROPOSES TODAY, THAT MEASURES HAVE TO BE PUT IN PLACE  
 10    SO THAT THOSE FUNDS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR. FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS  
 11    WHO, YOU KNOW, GO ABOVE WHAT'S APPROPRIATE AND SPEND MORE,  
 12    THERE'S ALSO THE POTENTIAL THAT THEY COULD BE FACING PERSONAL  
 13    LIABILITY FOR DOING THAT. SO THE LAW, YOU KNOW, TREATS THAT  
 14    VERY SERIOUSLY. AND THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES.

15

16    **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I WANTED TO ASK ARLENE, OUR  
 17    AUDITOR-CONTROLLER ALSO, GIVEN THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE AN  
 18    AMENDMENT, AND IT HASN'T BEEN FULLY FLESHED OUT YET, BUT I  
 19    GUESS WE'LL GET TO THAT.

20

21    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. I HOPE YOU CONSIDER IT FRIENDLY.

22

23    **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH. I KNOW THE CHAIR'S GOING TO TALK ABOUT ZERO-  
 24    BASED BUDGETING AND HOW WOULD THAT IMPACT THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET  
 25    IF THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CONSIDER.



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2     **ARLENE BARRERA:** SO IN LOOKING AT THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET, WE  
3     WOULD NEED TO REALLY ANALYZE ALL THE COMPONENTS THAT MAKE UP  
4     THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET, WHETHER IT'S SALARIES AND E.B.S., S&S,  
5     LOOK WHERE THE OVERAGES ARE AND REALLY TAKE AN IN DEPTH LOOK  
6     TO SEE HOW THEY'RE ACCOUNTING FOR REVENUES. ARE REVENUES  
7     COMING IN? YOU TALKED EARLIER ABOUT REVENUES THAT WERE NOT  
8     COMING IN, AND THAT WAS AFFECTING THEIR BUDGET. THEY DID HAVE  
9     SOME ISSUES WHERE THEY HAD PROJECTED REVENUES, BUT CERTAIN  
10    REVENUES REQUIRE A DEPARTMENT TO HAVE COSTS ASSOCIATED TO DRAW  
11    IN THOSE REVENUES. IN CUTTING CERTAIN COSTS, THEY SHOULD HAVE  
12    ALSO REDUCED REVENUES. AND THAT WOULD HAVE PROVIDED THEM WITH  
13    A LITTLE MORE REALISTIC PICTURE OF WHERE THEY WERE GOING TO  
14    LAND ON JUNE 30TH.

15

16    **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, IN OTHER WORDS, PERHAPS IN THE BUDGETING  
17    PROCESS, THEY WERE EXPECTING TO RECEIVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF  
18    MONEY, AND THOSE DID NOT COME IN. AND I THINK, SACHI, YOU ALSO  
19    TALKED ABOUT THAT, BUT COULD YOU GIVE US A SENSE OF WHAT THAT  
20    MIGHT HAVE BEEN?

21

22    **C.E.O. HAMAI:** SO THERE'S -- IN THE REVENUE CATEGORY, LET ME  
23    JUST FRAME THIS. CERTAINLY, I TALKED TO THE SHERIFF ABOUT  
24    THIS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS -- AND THIS IS ONLY ONE EXAMPLE IS  
25    ON THE GRANT FUNDING. AND/OR IT COULD BE OUTSIDE OF THE GRANT



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1 FUNDING. IF ANY CONTRACTS ARE CUT AND/OR GRANTS ARE NOT  
 2 APPLIED FOR AND THE REVENUES WERE ON THE BOOKS, THOSE REVENUES  
 3 NEED TO ACTUALLY BE BACKED OFF AND/OR SERVICES RELATED TO IT  
 4 NEEDS TO BE CUT. SO THERE IS AN EXAMPLE WHERE THE SHERIFF, AND  
 5 THIS IS HIS DECISION, BUT CERTAINLY HE NEEDS TO COLLABORATE  
 6 WITH US TO TELL US, THAT HE'S NOT APPLYING FOR CERTAIN GRANTS.  
 7 SO THAT, THEN, THE REVENUE CAN ACTUALLY BE REDUCED. THE OTHER  
 8 AREAS OF REVENUE, I WANT TO SAY, IS THAT WE CLEARLY WANT TO  
 9 WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN TRYING TO ENSURE THAT  
 10 ALL CLAIMABLE REVENUE IS ACTUALLY CLAIMED. SO THERE MAY BE  
 11 TIMES WHERE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS NOT MET THEIR REVENUE  
 12 TARGET BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT CLAIMED APPROPRIATELY. SO THAT'S  
 13 ANOTHER AREA THAT WE WOULD REALLY HAVE TO WORK WITH BOTH  
 14 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AS WELL AS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I HAVE KATHRYN BARGER ON THE  
 19 QUEUE.

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND ACTUALLY YOU ASKED A QUESTION  
 22 BECAUSE I WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED ON THE REVENUE. BUT JUST OUT  
 23 OF CURIOSITY, IF THE BOARD TAKES AN ACTION, SACHI, THAT  
 24 FLATTENS OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, COURT FEES THAT A PORTION MAY HAVE  
 25 GONE TO THE SHERIFF, DO WE BACKFILL INTO DEPARTMENTS WHERE IT



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1 ADVERSELY AFFECTS THEM? COURT FEES LIKE WHEN THE BOARD TAKES  
 2 ACTIONS TO NO LONGER COLLECT COURT FEES OR THINGS WHERE THE  
 3 SHERIFF WOULD OTHERWISE GET IT, DO WE BACKFILL ON THAT?

4

5 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** TYPICALLY NOT. WE WOULD ASK FOR THE SERVICES TO  
 6 EITHER BE REDUCED AND/OR, WITH COURT FEES, I DON'T KNOW IN  
 7 TERMS OF WE WOULD NOT BACKFILL. THIS IS A BOARD POLICY. WE  
 8 WOULD NOT BACKFILL ANY KIND OF FEDERAL AND/OR STATE FUNDING  
 9 THAT WAS COMING IN.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** COMPARED TO THE OVERALL BUDGET, IT'S A SMALL  
 12 AMOUNT. BUT THAT'S AN EXAMPLE. AND THEN E.V.O.C., THE TRAINING  
 13 FOR THE TRAINING ACADEMY THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE SLATED I KNOW  
 14 IS NOT BUDGETED.

15

16 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** BUT I WILL JUST, SAY WITH RESPECT TO E.V.O.C.,  
 17 THE SHERIFF IS SITTING ON OVER \$10 MILLION THAT HE HAS NOT  
 18 SPENT ON E.V.O.C. THAT HAS BEEN BUDGETED AT LEAST FOR TWO, IF  
 19 NOT THREE YEARS.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR OUR RISK MANAGERS  
 22 TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE DISCUSSIONS BECAUSE WHEN WE'RE TALKING  
 23 ABOUT THE LAWSUITS, A LOT OF THAT HAS TO DO WITH DRIVING. AND  
 24 IF WE'RE NOT PROPERLY TRAINING OUR DEPUTIES, IT'S A LIABILITY.  
 25 I'M GOING ON RECORD STATING THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT



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1 LIABILITY AS IT RELATES TO TRAINING, PROPERLY TRAINING THE  
2 DEPUTIES.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TELL THE LISTENERS AT HOME WHAT E.V.O.C. IS.

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** IT STANDS FOR, I DON'T KNOW. [LAUGHTER.] NO, I  
7 ACTUALLY ASKED MY STAFF. WE JUST ALWAYS REFER TO IT AS  
8 E.V.O.C. BUT IT'S CAR TRAINING FOR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AND  
9 OTHER PERSONNEL AND ACTUALLY FOR PEOPLE I THINK IN THE D.A.S.,  
10 AS WELL. DO YOU KNOW WHAT I STANDS FOR?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATION CENTER.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** THERE YOU GO, COMMONLY REFERRED TO IT AS E.V.O.C.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** FOR OUR LISTENERS AT HOME. WE OF COURSE ALL  
17 KNEW THAT.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, I KNOW. SO I CAN CERTAINLY APPRECIATE  
20 WANTING TO BE FISCALLY PRUDENT AND TRIPLE CHECKING THE BOOKS  
21 AND EFFICIENCIES. I MEAN WE ALL AGREE THAT'S A NECESSITY. THE  
22 DEFICIT WOULD NOT COME AS A SURPRISE IF ALL INVOLVED WERE  
23 DOING OUR PART. WE SHOULD HAVE ACTIVELY BEEN WORKING TO  
24 ADDRESS THIS BEFORE WE HIT THIS AMOUNT. I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT  
25 THAT, SHERIFF, AND MOVING FORWARD THAT'S A COMMITMENT YOUR



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1 DEPARTMENT HAS MADE. AND I APPRECIATE IT. BUT THIS PROBLEM IS  
 2 NOT A NEW ONE. AND I BRING THIS UP, AND I'VE SAID IT. THE  
 3 SHERIFF AND C.E.O.S AND BOARDS BEFORE US HAVE ALL GRAPPLED  
 4 WITH THE DEFICITS AND HOW TO RECONCILE THEM. THIS TIME THE  
 5 DEFICIT GREW VERY QUICKLY, WHICH WAS A RED FLAG FOR THE C.E.O.  
 6 AND FOR THIS BOARD. BUT I WOULD SAY THAT WHEN THIS HAS  
 7 HAPPENED IN THE PAST, THERE HAVE BEEN AUDITS CONDUCTED. IN  
 8 2003, WE OFFERED RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADDITIONAL AUDIT  
 9 CONDUCTED IN 2013 TO DO THE SAME, BOTH OF WHICH WERE DONE BY  
 10 OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS. I FEAR THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO STUDY AN  
 11 AUDIT WITHOUT APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-THROUGH. I'M ALL FOR LOOKING  
 12 AT THIS. AND I DID NOT KNOW THAT YOU HAD A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT,  
 13 BUT I WOULD SAY THAT WE HAVE AUDITS THAT CURRENTLY I DON'T  
 14 THINK HAVE FULLY BEEN IMPLEMENTED. I COULD BE WRONG. AND I'D  
 15 LIKE TO KNOW THAT. I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE REAL  
 16 INVESTMENT IS ON PRIOR AUDITS, AND IF WE DO IMPLEMENT, WHAT  
 17 ARE THE EXPERTS RECOMMENDING BASED ON THOSE PAST AUDITS. I  
 18 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECONCILE THAT AND SEE WHERE WE  
 19 MIGHT BETTER ALIGN THE C.E.O. AND THE SHERIFF WITH THE OVERALL  
 20 BUDGET. I BELIEVE IT IS BENEFICIAL TO HAVE THE C.E.O., THE  
 21 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, AND THE SHERIFF TO REVIEW THESE AUDITS. I  
 22 DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE SEEN THEM, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, BUT I  
 23 THINK IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR YOUR TEAM TO TAKE A LOOK AT  
 24 THOSE. I ALSO WANT TO SAY I'M LOOKING AT THE BUDGET AUTHORITY  
 25 FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND, MARY, IT SAYS THAT THE



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1 C.E.O. IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE -- THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
2 C.E.O. IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPERVISION AND  
3 EXPENDITURES OF ALL DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE SHERIFF. HOW  
4 DOES THAT WORK WHEN, IN THE PAST, WE ALLOCATE THE FUNDING AND  
5 THEN THERE IS DISCRETIONARY FUNDING FOR THE SHERIFF, CORRECT?  
6 SO HOW DO WE ENSURE OR HOW DO WE SUPERVISE THAT?

7

8 **ATTORNEY:** UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE 25-303 THE BOARD SHALL MONITOR  
9 ALL COUNTY OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND, AMONG OTHER  
10 THINGS, THE MANAGEMENT AND THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. SO  
11 IT'S A PARTNERSHIP.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** SO ONE COULD SAY THAT LIKE WHEN THE SHERIFF MEETS  
14 WITH C.E.O. STAFF, THAT'S A FORM OF SUPERVISION WITH THE OTHER  
15 BOARD OFFICES?

16

17 **ATTORNEY:** YES.

18

19 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK THAT'S WHY WE HAVE VARIOUS  
20 CONTROLS AND CHECKS IN PLACE. SO WHEN I SHOWED THAT FIRST  
21 SCREEN ABOUT THE BUDGET SUMMARY REPORTS, THAT'S ONE CHECK, SO  
22 WE COULD SEE WHERE THE DEPARTMENT IS PROJECTING TO COME IN  
23 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SO AGAIN IT'S THE FIFTH MONTH BUDGET  
24 SUMMARY, SEVENTH MONTH, NINTH MONTH, 11 MONTH, AND THEN WE  
25 CLOSE. TYPICALLY, RIGHT AROUND SEVENTH MONTH, WE ARE REVIEWING



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2     **C.E.O. HAMAI:** I JUST WANT TO MAKE MAKE A POINT ABOUT THE  
3     UNINCORPORATED AREA PATROLS. I HAVE HEARD THAT PERHAPS, LIKE  
4     YOU, SUPERVISOR, THAT THERE WAS SOME TALK OF DOING REDUCTIONS  
5     IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA PATROLS. ACTUALLY, THAT WOULD NOT  
6     FACILITATE ANY SAVINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT. BASICALLY, YOUR  
7     UNINCORPORATED AREA PATROLS ARE FUNDED THROUGH A DIFFERENT  
8     SOURCE. IT'S NOT THROUGH THE NET COUNTY COSTS. IT'S THROUGH  
9     PROP 172 FUNDS. SO REALLY, AGAIN, I THINK THAT THERE'S THIS  
10    WHOLE MECHANISM OF WHERE WE NEED TO COLLABORATE WITH THE  
11    SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON WHATEVER DEFICIT MITIGATION PLAN IS.  
12    THAT'S WITHIN HIS PURVIEW, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO ENSURE THAT  
13    WHAT DECISIONS HE MAKES REALLY DOES HAVE AN IMPACT ON TRYING  
14    TO CONTROL HIS BUDGET.

15

16     **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. AGAIN, I APPRECIATE WHY WE'RE DOING THIS,  
17     AND I SUPPORT IT BECAUSE IT IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE  
18     PROTECTING TAXPAYER DOLLARS, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO  
19     SPENDING. **BUT I** WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT I WANT TO SHERIFF TO  
20     BE A PARTNER WITH US. AGAIN, YOU'VE COME AND TALK TO MY  
21     OFFICE. YOU CAME AND TALK TO ME. AND THAT IS A COMMITMENT  
22     YOU'VE MADE MOVING FORWARD. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT  
23     BECAUSE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE'RE ALL REPRESENTING THE  
24     SAME CONSTITUENCY, AND THEY EXPECT US TO WORK TOGETHER TO



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1   **ARLENE BARRERA:** NO, SIR.

2

3   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT GETS DEEPER WITH EVERY DIMENSION YOU  
4   SHARE WITH US. YOU DID SAY A MISDEMEANOR?

5

6   **ARLENE BARRERA:** YES, SIR.

7

8   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR.

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10   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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12   **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK MUCH HAS BEEN  
13   SAID. AND I KNOW THAT FOURTH ESTATE ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF  
14   CIVILIANS HAVE ASKED ME IS THIS A PERSONAL THING BECAUSE WE  
15   UNDERSTAND THE BOARD AND THE SHERIFF ARE NOT GETTING ALONG. I  
16   MET WITH THE SHERIFF YESTERDAY, AND I ASSURED HIM THIS WAS  
17   CERTAINLY NOT PERSONAL. I THINK WE EACH TAKE OUR DUTIES VERY  
18   SERIOUSLY. AND ONE OF THE DUTIES THAT I TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY ON  
19   THE BOARD IS THE BUDGET AND HOW WE MUST STAY WITHIN IT. WE  
20   HAVE 38 DEPARTMENTS. ONLY ONE OF THEM HAS ENDED THE YEAR WITH  
21   A DEFICIT. THE OTHERS WERE -- COULD HAVE BEEN HEADED THAT WAY,  
22   AND THEY ASKED FOR HELP. AND WE SAY HERE ARE STEPS YOU CAN  
23   AVOID A DEFICIT. PUT ON YOUR BIG BOY PANTS AND TAKE THOSE  
24   STEPS AND AVOID A DEFICIT. AND THEY DO. WE HAVE SEEN THE  
25   HEALTH DEPARTMENTS PULL THEMSELVES OUT OVER THE DECADES. WE



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1 ENDING UP WITH A DEFICIT AGAIN AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THESE  
2 ISSUES. I UNDERSTAND THAT IT FEELS THAT THERE ARE POSITIONS  
3 THAT MUST BE FILLED. THAT'S WHAT I HEAR FROM ALL 38  
4 DEPARTMENTS. AND PUBLIC HEALTH HAS A MEASLES OUTBREAK, FOR  
5 INSTANCE, AND THEY'RE LOOKING AT NEEDING WHAT THEY CAN DO TO  
6 MEET IT, BUT THEY DIDN'T FINISH WITH A DEFICIT. SO THESE ARE  
7 SOMEWHAT SMALL STEPS, AND I THINK RESPONSIBLE STEPS ON THE  
8 PART OF THE BOARD, I HOPE NOT TOO ONEROUS. I ECHO MY  
9 COLLEAGUE'S HOPES THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER AND MAKE CERTAIN  
10 THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT END IN DEFICIT POSITION AGAIN,  
11 BUT THAT WE ALL MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR STAYING WITHIN A  
12 BUDGET NO MATTER WHAT THE NEED LOOKS LIKE. THAT'S WHAT WE DO.  
  
13 YEARS AND YEARS AGO, YOU MAY REMEMBER, SHERIFF, THERE WAS A  
14 REAL SETBACK FOR THE COUNTY IN TERMS OF MONEY COMING IN.  
  
15 EVERYBODY, EVERYBODY HAD TO SEE WHAT THEY COULD DO. THERE WAS  
16 JUST NO WAY TO SAY, "WELL I NEED MORE AND THE REST OF YOU CAN  
17 ALL CUT YOUR BUDGETS." SO IN THAT SPIRIT, I HOPE THAT WE WILL  
18 COME TO A RAPPROCHEMENT ON THIS AND BE ABLE TO LOOK FORWARD.  
  
19 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE PLAN THAT WE HAVE REQUESTED FOR  
20 MOVING FORWARD AND TAKING CARE OF THIS. AND I THANK THE C.E.O.  
21 AND HER STAFF FOR THE WORK THEY'VE DONE ON IT. I CERTAINLY  
22 THANK THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FOR THE WORK SHE'S GOING TO DO  
23 WITH THEM AS WELL AS THE WORK SHE'S DONE. THANK YOU, MADAM  
24 CHAIR.

25



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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND, AGAIN,

2   CLEARLY, EVERYONE CAN UNDERSTAND THE -- LITTLE BIT OF A

3   DIFFICULTY I KNOW FOR ME PERSONALLY BECAUSE AS SUPERVISOR

4   RIDLEY-THOMAS STARTED OUT BY SAYING, YOU KNOW, OUR PUBLIC

5   SAFETY DEPARTMENTS HAVE ALMOST BEEN A SACRED COW IN THE

6   COUNTY. AND I SORT OF FEEL THAT WAY FOR ME AND MY COMMUNITIES,

7   AND I'VE TOLD THE SHERIFF THIS MANY TIMES, THEIR NUMBER ONE

8   ISSUE IS PUBLIC SAFETY. THEIR NUMBER ONE COMPLAINT ABOUT THE

9   SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DEPUTIES IN

10   THEIR COMMUNITIES. THEY ALWAYS WANT TO SEE MORE. THEY HAVE

11   GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR DEPUTIES. AND I KNOW, AS

12   SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID, I, TOO, HAVE PAID OUT OF MY

13   DISCRETIONARY BUDGET. I OWN SOME SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES IN MY

14   UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS ALWAYS

15   APPRECIATED. AND HONESTLY WHEN WE TALK ABOUT OUR CREDIT

16   RATING, AND WE TALK ABOUT OUR ECONOMY, TO BE HONEST, YOU KNOW,

17   PUBLIC SAFETY IS THE REASON MANY TIMES OUR ECONOMY IS DOING

18   WELL. WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE INVESTMENTS. WE HAVE MORE

19   BUSINESSES THAT LOCATE HERE. WE HAVE MORE CORPORATIONS THAT

20   WANT TO HOUSE THEIR EMPLOYEES HERE BECAUSE THERE'S A FEELING

21   THAT WE DO HAVE GOOD PUBLIC SAFETY AND THAT OUR SHERIFF'S

22   DEPARTMENT DOES PROVIDE GOOD PUBLIC SAFETY FOR COMMUNITIES.

23   FOR ME, IT IS SORT OF ONE OF THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITIES. BUT AS

24   PUBLIC SAFETY IS ALSO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND AS SUPERVISOR

25   KUEHL MENTIONED, OUR FIRE CHIEF DID COME IN WITH A MITIGATION



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1 CITIES. AND THAT IS SOMETHING WE'VE TALKED ABOUT NEED TO  
 2 REALLY DRILL DOWN ON IN TERMS OF THESE CONTRACT CITIES WHO ARE  
 3 INVOLVED IN THE CONTRACT AND WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE GETTING THE  
 4 MONEY THAT WE SHOULD BE GETTING FROM THEM. ALSO PROP 172, WE  
 5 DIDN'T GET ABOUT 32 MILLION THAT WE THOUGHT WE WOULD BE  
 6 GETTING. SO THERE'S AREAS. AND THE SHERIFF TALKED TO ME ABOUT  
 7 THE BAILIFFS IN OUR COURT AND HOW THERE'S A CAP FROM THE STATE  
 8 ON HOW MUCH THEY REIMBURSE US FOR THAT. THAT'S SOMETHING I  
 9 WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COUNTY BE AGGRESSIVE ON IN TERMS OF OUR  
 10 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, TALKING TO THE STATE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT  
 11 THAT'S A REALISTIC NUMBER THAT THEY'RE REIMBURSING US FOR IF,  
 12 IN FACT, WE'RE PROVIDING MORE COURT SERVICES, NECESSARY COURT  
 13 SERVICES, BUT YET WE'RE NOT GETTING REIMBURSED FOR THAT. SO I  
 14 THINK, FOR ME, SHERIFF, I'M HOPEFUL THAT, YOU KNOW, AS FAR AS  
 15 I'M CONCERNED, I DON'T HAVE A FEUD WITH YOU. I HOPE YOU SEE  
 16 THIS MORE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REALLY WORK TOGETHER.  
 17 WE'RE PARTNERS. WE NEED YOU. YOU NEED US. MY COMMUNITIES NEED  
 18 THE SERVICES THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PROVIDES BUT MY  
 19 COMMUNITIES ARE ALSO GOING TO HOLD ME ACCOUNTABLE FOR BEING  
 20 FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE. SO IT SEEMS TO ME WE'RE MISSING AND  
 21 OBVIOUSLY WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU ADDRESS US, MISSING PIECE FOR  
 22 ME IS THIS PLAN THAT I THINK YOU COULD START PUTTING TOGETHER,  
 23 AND IT SOUNDS LIKE IF THERE'S SOME PLACES EVEN THAT ARE MAYBE  
 24 A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN THE INITIATIVE TODAY, THAN THE  
 25 DIRECTIVES. IT'S SOMETHING THAT, AGAIN, WE CAN WORK ON AND SEE



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1 KNOW IS LINGERING WITH SOME OF OUR CITIES THAT WE REPRESENT,  
 2 CONTRACT CITIES IN PARTICULAR. WE'VE HAD THAT ISSUE REGARDING  
 3 LIABILITY WITH INSURANCE THAT OUR CONTRACT CITIES HAVE TO COME  
 4 UP WITH. THIS WAS NOTHING NEW, BUT IT'S REAL. SO WHAT KINDS OF  
 5 INDICATIONS CAN WE GIVE TO THOSE CITIES THAT ARE CONTRACTING  
 6 THAT LIABILITY IS REALLY GOING TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, AND  
 7 WE'RE GOING TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BRING THAT DOWN? OUR  
 8 AGENDA TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS ON  
 9 LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE SHERIFF. SO I WOULD JUST ASK US  
 10 TO REALLY THINK ABOUT THAT BECAUSE THAT IS ONE SORE POINT FOR  
 11 SOME OF US, OR AT LEAST FOR ME WHERE I KNOW MONIES COULD BE  
 12 BETTER SPENT. IF WE DO GOOD TRAINING, THEN WE DON'T HAVE TO  
 13 RELY ON GENERAL FUND MONEY TO PAY OUT FOR LIABILITY TO KEEP  
 14 OUR CITIES ENGAGED WITH US SO THEY'LL CONTINUE TO WANT TO  
 15 CONTRACT WITH US. AND ALSO HAVE THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF  
 16 STAFF, NOT ONLY IN THE CONTRACT CITIES, BUT IN THE  
 17 JURISDICTION CURRENTLY PROVIDED OR SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY OUR  
 18 SHERIFFS. AND I SAY THAT BECAUSE I'VE HAD SEVERAL DIFFERENT  
 19 EXPERIENCES IN THE EAST L.A. AREA WHERE SOME OF MY OWN  
 20 CONSTITUENTS THERE ARE TROUBLED THAT NOT ENOUGH SHERIFFS ARE  
 21 PATROLLING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA BECAUSE THEY'RE DEPLOYED  
 22 OUT TO CONTRACT CITIES BECAUSE OF SHORTAGES OR WHAT HAVE YOU.  
 23 BUT THERE'S TWO DIFFERENT THINGS GOING ON. AND I THINK THAT  
 24 WHEN WE DO TAKE A LOOK AT ALL THESE REFORMS, THOSE ASPECTS



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1 HAVE TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, AND WE MUST COME UP WITH A PLAN OF  
2 ACTION FOR THAT.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO I ALSO WOULD STATE THAT FOR THE RECORD, MADAM  
7 CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AGAIN, IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THE  
10 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER LOOKING AT THE -- HOW WE DO BILL OUR  
11 CONTRACT CITIES BECAUSE, AGAIN, IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION  
12 THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME AREAS WHERE WE COULD DO A BETTER JOB  
13 ON HOW WE BILL SO THAT WE CAN COLLECT THE REVENUE THAT IS  
14 COMING TO US FOR CONTRACTING FOR OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

15 SHERIFF, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU ADDRESS, MAYBE.

16

17 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. THANK YOU FOR  
18 THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUE OF  
19 THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET AND PUBLIC SAFETY. I WANT TO THANK  
20 SUPERVISORS KUEHL, HAHN, AND BARGER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
21 MEET WITH YOU INDIVIDUALLY YESTERDAY. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO  
22 THE OCCASION WHEN BOTH SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SOLIS YOU  
23 ARE AVAILABLE TO ALSO HAVE THIS ONE-ON-ONE MEETING. IT'S VERY  
24 IMPORTANT. FIRST AND FOREMOST, PUBLIC -- AND ACTUALLY BEFORE I  
25 GET INTO THAT, (SPEAKING SPANISH). FIRST AND FOREMOST, PUBLIC



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1 SAFETY IS THE REASON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
2 DEPARTMENT EXISTS, AND IT SHOULD BE THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY OF  
3 ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, BE IT LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL. WE  
4 ARE CURRENTLY THE MOST UNDERSTAFFED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN  
5 THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES WITH 816 SWORN VACANCIES AND A PER  
6 CAPITA DEPUTY-TO-RESIDENT RATIO OF 0.9 DEPUTIES FOR EVERY  
7 1,000 RESIDENTS, WHICH IS 2-1/2 TIMES LESS THAN THE AVERAGE OF  
8 2.5. WE INHERITED A BUDGET DEFICIT OF \$47 MILLION FROM MY  
9 PREDECESSOR, WHICH, COUPLED WITH STRUCTURAL DEFICITS IN TRIAL  
10 COURT FUNDING, SWORN VACANCIES, RETIREE HEALTHCARE, WORKERS'  
11 COMPENSATION, AND UNFUNDED MANDATES SUCH AS THE ROSAS  
12 SETTLEMENT, LEAVES US SEVERELY UNDERFUNDED, AS WELL. AS  
13 SHERIFF, I WILL DO MY PART TO ENSURE WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE  
14 CRITICAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES AS WE SEEK TO REIGN IN THESE  
15 STRUCTURAL DEFICITS. I WILL ASK YOU, AS A BOARD, TO FUND THE  
16 TRUE COST OF PROVIDING THE CRITICAL SERVICES WE DO ACROSS ALL  
17 OF OUR PATROL, INVESTIGATIVE, SECURITY, AND CUSTODIAL  
18 OBLIGATIONS THAT COVER THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. OUR  
19 OPERATIONS ARE AN OPEN BOOK. AND IF ANYONE CAN IDENTIFY WHAT  
20 CAN BE IMPROVED UPON, WE'RE OPEN TO CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM AND  
21 A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT IN DELIVERING PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES  
22 EFFECTIVELY AND COST CONSCIOUSLY. THIS PUBLIC FORUM MAY NOT BE  
23 THE MOST APPROPRIATE VENUE TO DO THE HARD WORK OF IDENTIFYING  
24 WHAT ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE FUNDED AND AT WHAT LEVELS. SO  
25 PERHAPS WE ALL NEED TO COLLABORATIVELY WORK TOGETHER TO



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1 ADDRESS THESE CHANGES GOING FORWARD. THE COUNTY'S BUDGET, LIKE  
 2 ANY PUBLIC BUDGET, IS A POLITICAL DOCUMENT THAT SPEAKS TO THE  
 3 FUNDING PRIORITIES OF EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD. I WANT TO  
 4 ENCOURAGE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU TO COMMIT YOUR OFFICE TO  
 5 FUNDING THE TRUE COST OF PROVIDING PUBLIC SAFETY, WHICH IS  
 6 APPROXIMATELY 3.9 BILLION IN TODAY'S DOLLARS. I WILL COMMIT  
 7 MYSELF TO PROVIDING THAT SAFETY TO THE PUBLIC WHO DESERVES  
 8 NOTHING LESS. THANK YOU. NOW, I WANT TO INTRODUCE UNDERSHERIFF  
 9 TIM MURAKAMI, OUR BUDGET DIRECTOR CONRAD MEREDITH, AND  
 10 DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL CAPTAIN JOHN MCBRIDE WILL PROVIDE  
 11 ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE SPECIFICALLY ON THIS MOTION  
 12 AND THE IMPACT ON THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS. AND  
 13 UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE OTHER APPOINTMENTS THAT I HAVE TO ATTEND  
 14 TO, BUT YOU'RE IN CAPABLE HANDS WITH THEM. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SHERIFF. MR. MURAKAMI,  
 17 DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO ANYTHING? OR ARE YOU JUST HERE TO  
 18 ANSWER QUESTIONS?

19

20 **UNDERSHERIFF MURAKAMI:** I'M HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, BUT I'LL  
 21 LET YOU KNOW THAT WE RESPECT THE POSITION OF THE BOARD AND  
 22 C.E.O. AND WE'RE GOING TO DO OUR UTMOST TO WORK WITH YOU IN  
 23 LOWERING OUR COST FACTOR. AND THAT'S I THINK THE GOAL WHAT  
 24 WE'RE HERE FOR, RECOGNIZING SOME COSTS SO WE CAN MAYBE REDUCE  
 25 AND BE AS EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE. BUT THANK YOU.



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1   **CONRAD MEREDITH:** WORKERS' COMPENSATION, RETIREE HEALTH,  
2   SEPARATION PAYMENTS, (INAUDIBLE) EARNINGS PAY INCREASED A  
3   TOTAL 27 MILLION IN ONE FISCAL YEAR.

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5   **SUP. BARGER:** I KNOW WE HAD THIS DISCUSSION. RETIREE HEALTH IS  
6   NOT UNIQUE TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THAT'S SPREAD ACROSS  
7   ALL DEPARTMENTS. BUT TO YOUR POINT, I MEAN I'D SAY TWO WRONGS  
8   DON'T MAKE A RIGHT. IF WE KNEW THIS WAS WAS A PROBLEM LAST  
9   YEAR, WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ROLLING UP OUR SLEEVES, WE,  
10   COLLECTIVELY, THE SHERIFF, WITH THE C.E.O., WITH OUR STAFF TO  
11   ADDRESS THAT BECAUSE IT'S OBVIOUS TO ME THAT YOU KNEW AND  
12   KNOW THAT THIS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE. AND MAYBE THE AUDIT IS GOING  
13   TO HELP ADDRESS THAT.

14

15   **CONRAD MEREDITH:** ABSOLUTELY.

16

17   **SUP. BARGER:** BECAUSE I DON'T THINK I WANT TO BE IN THIS ISSUE  
18   NEXT YEAR. I DON'T THINK YOU DO EITHER.

19

20   **CONRAD MEREDITH:** RIGHT, IT HAS BEEN AN ISSUE. WE'VE JUST BEEN  
21   ABLE TO ABSORB THESE COST INCREASES UNTIL LAST TWO FISCAL  
22   YEARS. SO NOW WE'VE REACHED A POINT WHERE WE JUST CAN'T ABSORB  
23   THE INCREASES.

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1 GENERAL, AND I THINK AS THE AUDITOR DOES MORE OF A FORENSIC  
2 AUDIT OR A ZERO-BASED BUDGET, YOU WILL START TO IDENTIFY OTHER  
3 AREAS THAT ARE IMPACTING THE BUDGET VERSUS THESE.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, AND THEN MY LAST COMMENT IS --  
6 AND THIS HAS BEEN AN AGE-OLD ISSUE, TOO. AND THAT IS CONTRACT  
7 CITIES VERSUS UNINCORPORATED. AND I KNOW THAT, AT ONE TIME,  
8 BEFORE THIS BOARD, THE OTHER SUPERVISORS HAD WANTED TO ENTER  
9 INTO A CONTRACT FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS WITH THE SHERIFF SO  
10 THAT YOU COULD PURCHASE AND ENSURE THAT YOU HAD THAT COVERAGE.

11 AND I THINK COUNTY COUNSEL SAID THAT THAT WAS NOT BECAUSE OF  
12 SOME CHARTER, WE COULDN'T ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE  
13 SHERIFF ON THIS. BUT ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE FACT  
14 ARE WE PROVIDING ACCURATE AND FAIR COVERAGE TO UNINCORPORATED  
15 AREAS. AND I WILL TELL YOU, AS SOMEONE WHO LIVES ADJACENT TO  
16 UNINCORPORATED, THE ANSWER IS NO. AND SO I WOULD LIKE, AT SOME  
17 POINT, FOR US TO BEGIN DIALOGUE AS IT RELATES TO HOW DO WE  
18 ENSURE THAT WHEN -- WHILE CONTRACT CITIES ARE AN IMPORTANT  
19 PARTNER, I MEAN I'VE GOT CITIES, A LOT OF MY CITIES, ACTUALLY,  
20 THAT CONTRACT WITH THE SHERIFF, WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE  
21 PROVIDING ADEQUATE RESOURCES, APPLES TO APPLES, FOR THE  
22 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I'M GOING TO  
23 WORK WITH MY STAFF TO BRING SOMETHING FORWARD WORKING WITH THE  
24 SHERIFF BECAUSE IF WE'RE NOT RECOVERING COSTS, AND SUPERVISOR  
25 SOLIS YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, LIABILITY IS KEY. THE CONTRACT



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1   **C.E.O. HAMAI:** YEAH, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE THIS COMMENT.  
2   WHILE THIS IS CERTAINLY A FREEZE ON THE CIVILIAN SIDE, IT  
3   DOES NOT STOP THE SHERIFF FOR PUTTING FORWARD A REQUEST TO THE  
4   DEPARTMENT TO SAY THIS IS A CRITICAL NEEDED POSITION THAT WILL  
5   IMPACT PUBLIC SAFETY. AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE WOULD TAKE A  
6   LOOK AND REVIEW IT TO ENSURE --

7

8   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND THEN WOULD WE HAVE TO COME BACK?

9

10   **C.E.O. HAMAI:** NOT BEFORE THE BOARD, YOU'RE GIVING US, THROUGH  
11   THIS MOTION, DELEGATED AUTHORITY. SO IT WOULD NOT PREVENT THEM  
12   FROM PUTTING THAT FORWARD TO US.

13

14   **SUP. SOLIS:** I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT. THERE'S NO WAY THAT WE  
15   WANT TO STOP A GOOD THING THAT IS GOING ON.

16

17   **C.E.O. HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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19   **SUP. SOLIS:** SO I THINK LOGICAL PEOPLE, RATIONAL PEOPLE, COULD  
20   WORK ON THAT. SO THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF THIS WHOLE MOTION.  
21   I THINK IT WAS UNDERSCORED BY MANY HERE. WE NEED TO  
22   COLLABORATE. I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT. I WISH THE SHERIFF  
23   WOULD REALLY MEAN IT AND DO MORE ABOUT IT. I WASN'T HAPPY THAT  
24   HE SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT HE WASN'T ABLE TO SEE ME  
25   YESTERDAY. BUT YESTERDAY, I WAS WITH MY CITIES, CONTRACT



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1 CITIES. AND HE HAD ONE OF HIS OFFICERS THERE, SERGEANT  
 2 KITCHEN, WHO IS ACTUALLY HELPING US WITH DELIVERING OUR  
 3 HOMELESS MET TEAM EXERCISES AND HELPING TO INFLUENCE AND  
 4 HELPING TO INFORM WHAT OUR CITIES ARE DOING. SO THERE'S NO WAY  
 5 I DON'T TAKE SERIOUS WHAT MY JOB IS AND WHAT I'M DOING EVERY  
 6 DAY, TOO. BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR  
 7 C.E.O. AND OUR FISCAL AGENTS THAT ARE IN CHARGE, THAT THEY  
 8 HAVE THOSE REGULAR MEETINGS SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO BE TAKEN  
 9 OUTSIDE OF OUR REGULAR DUTIES BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS  
 10 CONFORMING. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO CLARIFY  
 11 HERE. SO IT'S NOT A WAY OF TRYING TO SCOLD OR GET -- FOCUS ON  
 12 JUST ONE INDIVIDUAL. IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT. IT'S REALLY ABOUT  
 13 CREATING COLLABORATION, COOPERATION. THAT'S THE WAY IT'S  
 14 ALWAYS BEEN DONE. AND THAT'S THE WAY I THINK WE SHOULD GO  
 15 MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO THE TAKEAWAY IS PUT A PLAN TOGETHER AS  
 18 SOON AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, BUT I  
 19 WOULD SAY CERTAINLY IN THAT ONE AREA OF THE TESTING AND  
 20 RECRUITING. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ANY OTHER COMMENTS? OKAY, ANY  
 21 OTHER COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES? OKAY, THANK YOU TO THE  
 22 DEPARTMENT FOR BEING HERE. I BELIEVE WE PROBABLY HAVE SOME  
 23 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP, WHO HAVE  
 24 SIGNED UP ON ITEM 75 AND ITEM 10.

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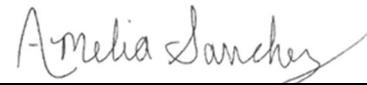
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